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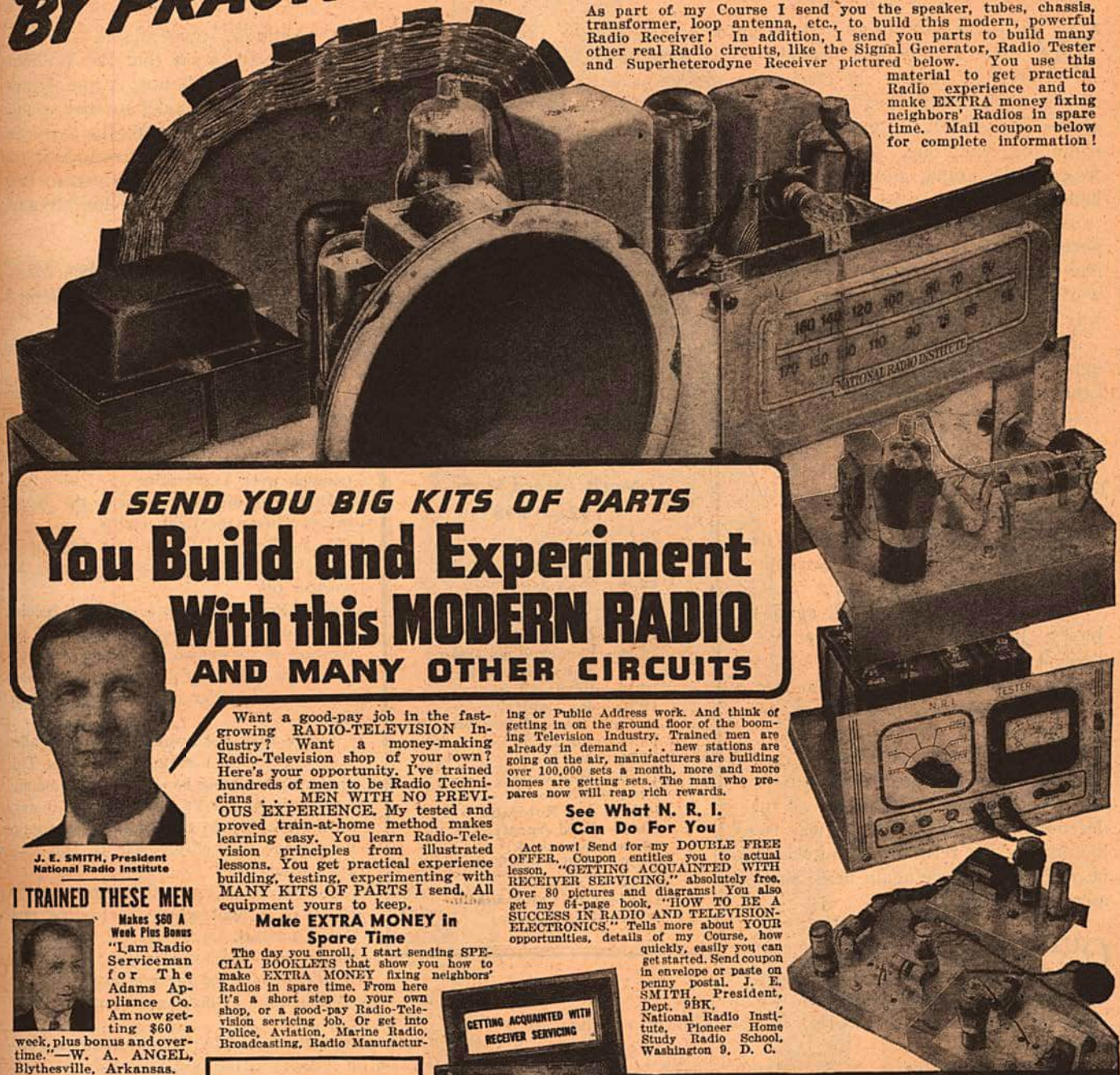

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IKE WILLIAMS IS NAMED FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

By NAT FLEISCHER

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WORLD BOXING enjoyed an emphatic rally in 1948, a rally that brought out a most unusual activity among the champions, despite a dearth of top-notch talent. It still was far from pre-war levels in the United States and abroad. But there were encouraging symptoms, there were new and interesting faces in the arena, and championships began to change hands.

This last circumstance, of course, was of vital importance. There still were too many title holders who had managed to retain their laurels since before the world conflict, but the long awaited shuffle had got under way.

The year saw Freddie Mills, of England, wrest the light-heavyweight championship from America's Gus Lesnevich.

It saw Tony Zale, courageous and a credit to the game over a long period of years, lose his middleweight honors to Marcel Cerdan, the Frenchman from Morocco.

And it viewed the dethronement of Willie Pep, long the featherweight champion, by Sandy Saddler.

After Joe Louis' close call against Jersey Joe Walcott in December, 1947, it was predicted by many of the wise men of the ring that when they next met, Walcott would become the new king.

They did meet. In June. Louis stopped Jersey Joe in eleven rounds, and made his twenty-fifth successful defense of a title he said he was relinquishing for retirement, but which he will defend once again next Summer.

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OUT of the year of competition, out of the seasons of struggle, emerged the figure of Ike Williams, of Trenton, N. J., lightweight champion of the world, as the Fighter of the Year.

The Ring Magazine originated this award in 1928, with a citation for Gene Tunney. Twenty times has this prized honor been announced, with ten awards for heavyweights.

Now comes the 135 pounder Williams, who shoved aside such formidable contenders for the No. 1 honor as Louis himself, and Cerdan.

In conjunction with the Fighter of the Year prize, let it be explained that holding a title is not a requisite.

When the competition was set up, it was stipulated that no matter how great a technician in the ring a man might be, he could not merit the Fighter of the Year citation if his public status, if his personal conduct and reputation, were not absolutely unassailable.

The Ring Magazine is glad to say that Ike Williams has met all the requirements for the honor. A fine fighter, with a fine personal record, a ring model for the youngsters of this country, a credit to his race, Ike fully deserves the award, which in 1947 went to Lesnevich, and the year previous, to Zale. In 1945, it was given to Pep.

It is interesting that Gus, Tony and Willie all were beaten in 1948.

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TO Marcel Cerdan will go the Nat Fleischer Medal for an outstanding performance in 1948, a scintillating fact that gained public applause.

Cerdan gained the meritorious award with his great victory over Zale.

Behind Williams, The Ring rates Cerdan for his explosion against Zale. And behind the Frenchman it places Louis for his knockout of Walcott, and Mills for his triumph over Lesnevich.

Williams, of course, takes the No. 1 rating among the lightweights.

In fact, we find that in each division the No. 1 fighter is the man who holds the world's title.

The Ring does not regard the holding of a championship as a requisite for top location in its annual ratings of the boxers of the world. In the past, it has placed many a title-holder in a subordinate position.

But in 1948, not a single champion failed to merit the No. 1 rating in his class. This appears to be a big boost for the game and for the titles. But The Ring wishes it were otherwise. When non-champions dispute top ratings with champions, the game has a warm glow.

By stopping Walcott in the eleventh round of a fight which up to that time lacked interest, Louis retained his top rating among the heavyweights.

Mills pre-empted Lesnevich's place at the head of the light-heavyweight class by beating Gus in London in 15 rounds.

Cerdan ousted Zale from the top of the middleweight rankings by knocking him out in Newark in the twelfth round.

Ray Robinson did not exert himself too much in defense of the welterweight crown, but retained the top ranking in that division, nevertheless.

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WILLIAMS defended the lightweight championship thrice in 1948, had seven other fights, and was the most emphatic No. 1 man of the entire boxing roster.

Pep lost his featherweight top rating to Saddler, Manuel Ortiz kept the bantamweight leadership in The Ring's list, and Rinty Monaghan of Ireland established a clear claim to the No. 1 ranking among the flyweights, a division which has become obsolete in the United States.

The Fight of the Year 1948 was the battle in which Cerdan, underdog in the betting, upset Zale.

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The Round of the Year was the eleventh and last of the contest in which Louis knocked out Walcott.

And the Surprise of the Year was Pep's downfall at the hands of Saddler. Close on his trail was the Cerdan victory over Zale.

A special citation should go to the Fight Fan of America. He had been told that right out of the war would come spectacular newcomers who, schooled in the rugged academies of deadly combat, would proceed to chase all the old champions out of the ring.

He had been led to believe that in the wake of the letdown in competition and class of the war years, and the next one or two, would come a surge in class and drama which would usher in the New Era.

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THE year 1948 made a fine start in that direction. But those wonders who were to dash out of Army, Navy, Marines and Air Forces, to give us new champions and new thrills, have failed to develop.

There are fine prospects galore everywhere. England and Continental Europe are doing their share. Better days are close at hand. But the Fight Fan of America waits patiently, and eagerly, for the real rally, for the sort of surge we enjoyed after the first World War, which was sparked by Jack Dempsey's dethronement of Jess Willard in 1919.

There is a marked tendency to cry down boxing because it has failed to speed into this surge.

However, boxing is suffering no worse a comeback experience than baseball, hockey and other professional sports, all of which suffered so direly through the hiatus of the war years.

The work of rating the boxers, of picking the Fighter of the Year, the Rookie of the Year, the outstanding Performance of the Year, was not done by one man alone.

The editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine organized his editorial staff and his correspondents all over the world into a vast committee, and to all he now acknowledges his debt, and gives his thanks. THE RING staff did a yeoman job in keeping the year's records, in tabulating important events in the sport and in tabbing the prospects as they came along. The boxing world owes them a vote of thanks for their energetic work in carrying on an arduous task to keep the sport in the spotlight.

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MARCEL CERDAN'S startling victory over Tony Zale gained for the colorful Frenchman from North Africa many supporters in the vote for the highest ring honors of the year. The sensational triumph of Sandy Saddler over the hitherto invincible Willie Pep won considerable praise from the fistic experts, but neither Pep's nor Saddler's performances enabled them to overcome the high standard set by Ike Williams.

The Trenton lightweight stood out in bold relief over the rest of the field in the race for THE RING's top honors.

The lightweight champion clashed with the best talent the division could offer. The calibre of his opponents, rather than the number of bouts in which he engaged, is what earned for him the Fighter of the Year designation.

Ike favored no particular fighter. Instead of selecting the opposition from the tailend of the list of challengers, he gave every worth-while contender an opportunity to fight for the crown.

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THE first to face Williams was THE RING's Number One challenger, Enrique Bolanos of California, who went the route, but lost the decision and meets Ike in a return engagement early this year. The latter put up a savage battle but could not cope with the punching power of the titleholder. It is interesting to note that Bolanos even after his defeat, retained his high ranking as the leading challenger, throughout the year.

Next after Bolanos came Beau Jack. The former lightweight king who had been fighting as a welterweight, came down to the weight limits of the lower class and received a severe shellacking from Williams. Those who saw that contest in Philadelphia, will recall how Ike, eager to save Jack from possible physical injury, stepped back after having his opponent in a helpless state and pleaded with the referee to halt the bout. That sportsmanship was not forgotten in the Fighter of the Year award to Williams.

Victim number three in the championship bouts was Jesse Flores, the third ranking lightweight at the time. He was halted by Ike in the Yankee Stadium in the tenth heat.

The rest of the lightweights who took a pasting from the champion, a throwback to the old school of effective hitters and clever fighters, were Freddie Dawson, one of the leading rated men of his division; Kid Gavilan, the Number One contender for Ray Robinson's welterweight title; Rudy Cruz, long a high-ranking lightweight from California; Doug Carter, Livio Minelli, Buddy Garcia,

Ike Williams of Trenton, world lightweight king, selected by THE RING *as the Fighter of the Year.*

at the time the eighth highest rated lightweight who lasted less than one round and Bill Nixon who was stopped by Ike Williams in the fourth round.

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FOR the first time in years there were no disputed championship claims. Every class had a titleholder who was internationally recognized as such.

There were many thrilling contests, though none from a spectator's point of view equalled the Zale-Graziano bout of the previous year. Often there is as much of a thrill in seeing an underdog carry off the honors in a fight with an odds-on-favorite, especially when a championship is concerned and such was the case when Freddie Mills upset the applecart in defeating Gus Lesnevich and when Sandy Saddler took the featherweight crown from Pep.

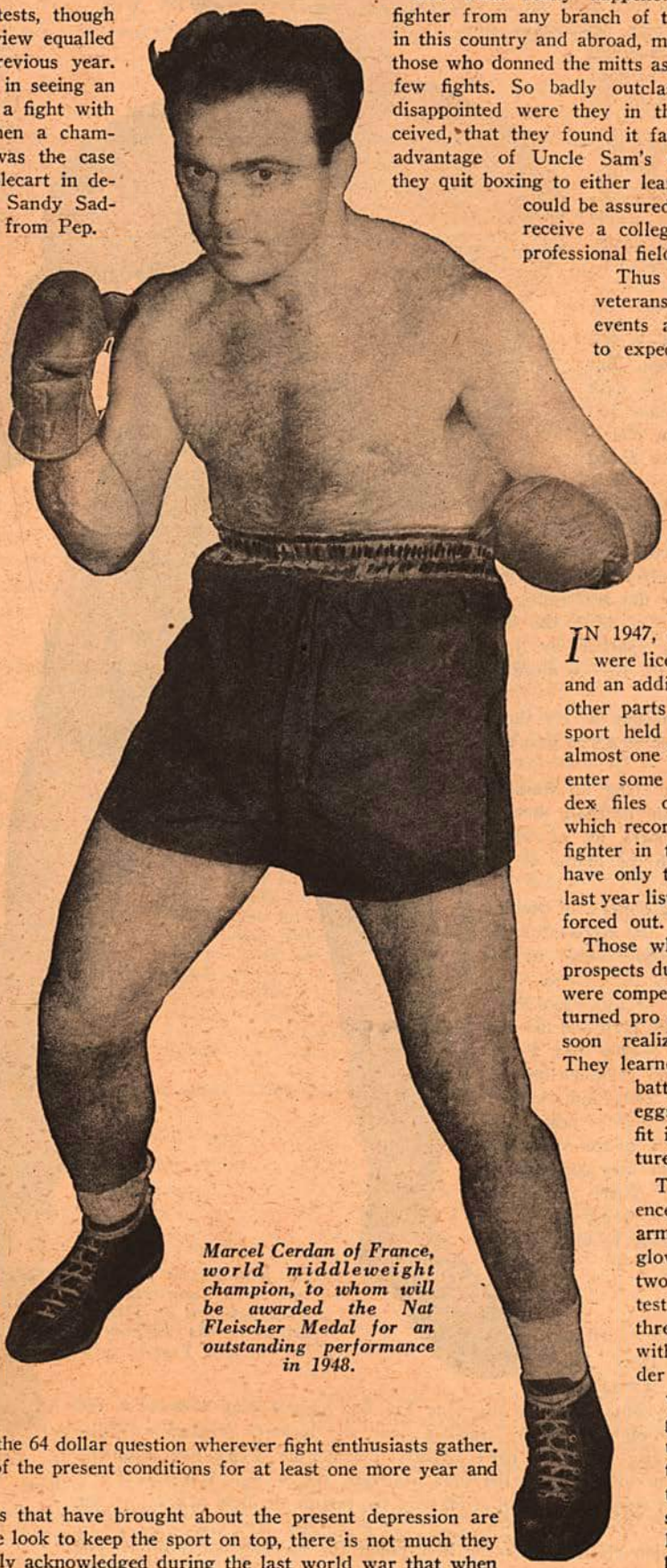
Neither of these bouts kept the spectators on edge. But the fans were well repaid for the lack of competitive thrills when the unexpected happened—the underdog came through with a victory, in Mills' case via the decision route, and in Saddler's by a knockout.

The Williams-Bolanos mill, the Williams-Beau Jack, Paddy DeMarco vs. Terry Young, Willie Pep vs. DeMarco, Cerdan vs. Anton Raadik, Kid Gavilan and Ike Williams mill, and that between Manuel Ortiz and Lauro Salas rated tops among the year's best thrillers.

Several international bouts were staged in which American fighters appeared in foreign ports and foreigners came to the American shores. Lee Oma was easy bait for Bruce Woodcock in the latter's first comeback bout and Lee Savold, another U.S. heavyweight, lost to Bruce on a foul.

Freddie Mills disposed of the ace heavyweight of South Africa when he stopped Johnny Ralph in Johannesburg in an overweight match. Cecil Schoonmaker, a New York boy, beat David Kui Kong Young in Guam and stopped Gon Ladroso in the same country. Al Chavez stopped Baby Jackson in Guam.

Jo Weidin of Austria came to the U.S. for a tour under the management of Max Waxman and Dempsey and at this writing has won two and lost one bout. Bert Lytell and Sandy Saddler made several successful trips to Central and South America. Kid Gavilan of Cuba, after working his way to the top in his native land, came to America and did the same in this country to gain the leading challenger's post as a welterweight.



Marcel Cerdan of France, world middleweight champion, to whom will be awarded the Nat Fleischer Medal for an outstanding performance in 1948.

What's in store for 1949? That's the 64 dollar question wherever fight enthusiasts gather. Indications point to a continuation of the present conditions for at least one more year and possibly a litle longer.

Why? Because though the causes that have brought about the present depression are well known to those upon whom we look to keep the sport on top, there is not much they can do to remedy it. It was generally acknowledged during the last world war that when the boys came back home, hundreds would cast their lot with the professional boxers. It was freely predicted that the men of the armed forces would supply the greater portion of the top notch newcomers and that the bulk of the champions would likewise come from among them due to the training the boys received in the sport.

But what really happened? Not one outstanding fighter from any branch of the various services, both in this country and abroad, made good. In fact, few of those who donned the mitts as pros, lasted more than a few fights. So badly outclassed were they, and so disappointed were they in the small purses they received, that they found it far more lucrative to take advantage of Uncle Sam's GI Bill of Rights and they quit boxing to either learn a trade at which they could be assured of a steady income or to receive a college education and enter a professional field.

Thus boxing was left to its veterans to carry on in the main events and the public, educated to expect high class attractions for the kind of dough they were asked to spend, gave the sport the go-by. They refused to pay war time prices, yet the promoters, blind to the situation, keep charging exorbitant rates of admission.

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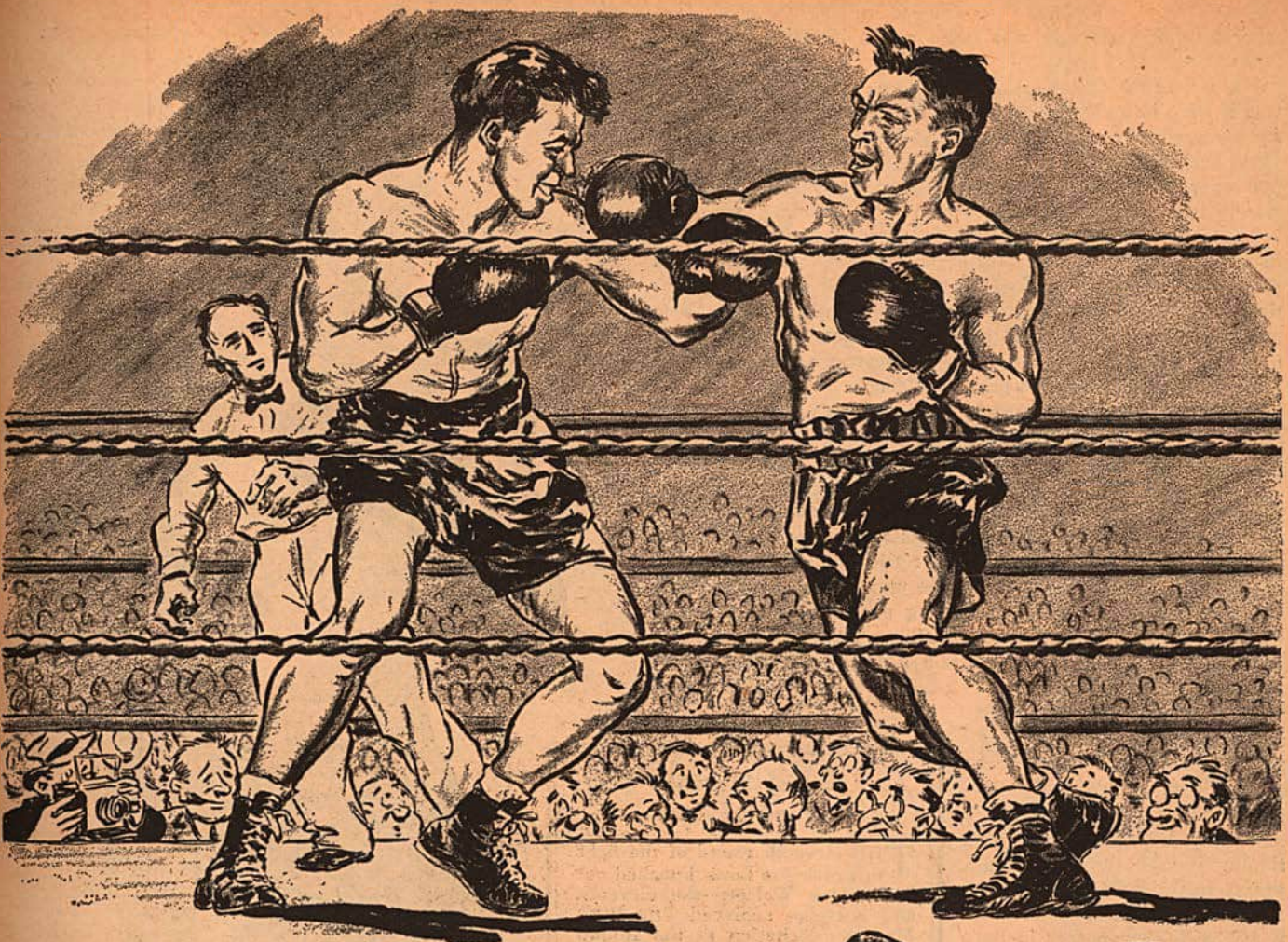
IN 1947, 6700 professional boxers were licensed in the various states and an additional 3000 were listed in other parts of the world where the sport held major attention. Today, almost one in every three has quit to enter some other field. The card index files of THE RING magazine, which records the name of every pro fighter in this country and abroad, have only two-thirds the number of last year listed. The failures are being forced out.

Those who were touted as great prospects during war days when they were competing in the armed forces, turned pro after their discharge and soon realized their shortcomings. They learned that they were being battered about for ham-and-eggs and that they just didn't fit into the professional picture.

There was quite a difference between boxing in the armed forces with heavy gloves and often for only two minute rounds in contests that were limited to three frames, and boxing with the money chasers under professional regulations with five or six ounce gloves and in bouts scheduled for from four to ten rounds. They couldn't take it and tossed in the sponge. Thus the field was left wide open for "has-beens," for the veterans



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who had quit during the war and found it lucrative to make a "comeback."

For a time the fans were willing to accept the change. Money was flowing into their pockets when they held war-time jobs and for many months after VE day, and then suddenly came the big change. Discharges upon closing of the war plants; strikes that put many out of jobs and a new war scare added to the quick rise of television, put an end to their wild spending.

The gates suffered and as a natural result, fighters and promoters were hard hit. The fans began to count their pennies and they soon learned that instead of paying a high price for a fight ticket to see mediocre performers, they could either stay at home and see the bouts via video if they were fortunate enough to own a television set or could have a ringside seat at a pub where the price of admission was the price of a couple of beers.

And that's what faces the promoters all over America today, a situation that won't clear up soon.

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BOXING took it on the chin before and made a great comeback. Dempsey brought it back following World War I and Louis did the same after Tunney's retirement. If there should be developed or discovered during the year one or more colorful, appealing fighters, pugilists possessing a sock and other assets of the thrill providing ringman, you'll see the boxing game rise in leaps and bounds to the position it held in sports prior to the war.

At this writing there are no truly glittering prospects in sight. There were hopes that Al Hoosman would make the grade in the heavyweight division; that Billy Fox would be the answer to the promoters' prayer in the light-heavyweight sector; that Rocky Graziano would be the eye-opener in the middleweight ranks and that Ray Robinson would keep the pot boiling among the welters by becoming an active titleholder, one prepared to aid his division by encouraging the contenders through the offer to give them a chance at his laurels. But here's what actually took place:

1—Hoosman, the outstanding heavyweight of the armed forces, the man who was chosen by the experts as the one most likely to develop into the leading heavyweight challenger, flunked badly and retired.

2—Billy Fox, who had run up a wonderful knockout record, when facing championship competition, failed miserably. He had been fed on set-ups and against first rate opponents, couldn't take it. He had a glass chin and thus went out of the picture a colorful, highly built-up light-heavyweight who loomed as a great gate magnet. When opportunity knocked, he wasn't there to take advantage of it.

3—Graziano, first enmeshed in a boxing scandal and banned in New York, was battered out of the scene by Tony Zale at a time when Rocky's presence as champion added interest to the division. His knockout and the ban placed upon him in many states, deprived promoters of one of the best drawing cards in America.

Though Marcel Cerdan, the newly crowned king who dethroned Rocky's successor, Tony Zale, is a colorful fighter, as a gate attraction he is neither as good a magnet as Zale or Graziano. If he sticks to his decision to be a fighting champion, he may place the middleweight division back into a thriving crowd

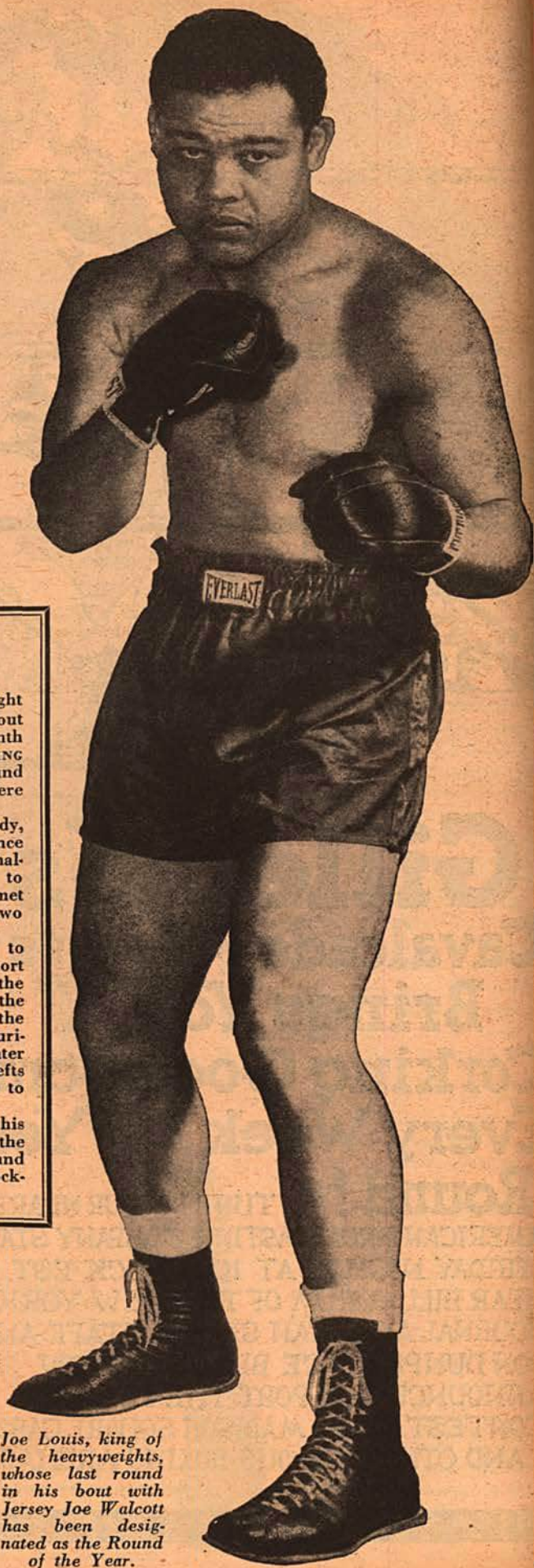
Louis' Eleventh Round of Year

THE eleventh round of the fight in which Joe Louis knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott—the eleventh and last—has achieved THE RING Magazine's citation as the Round of the Year in 1948 boxing. Here is how it went:

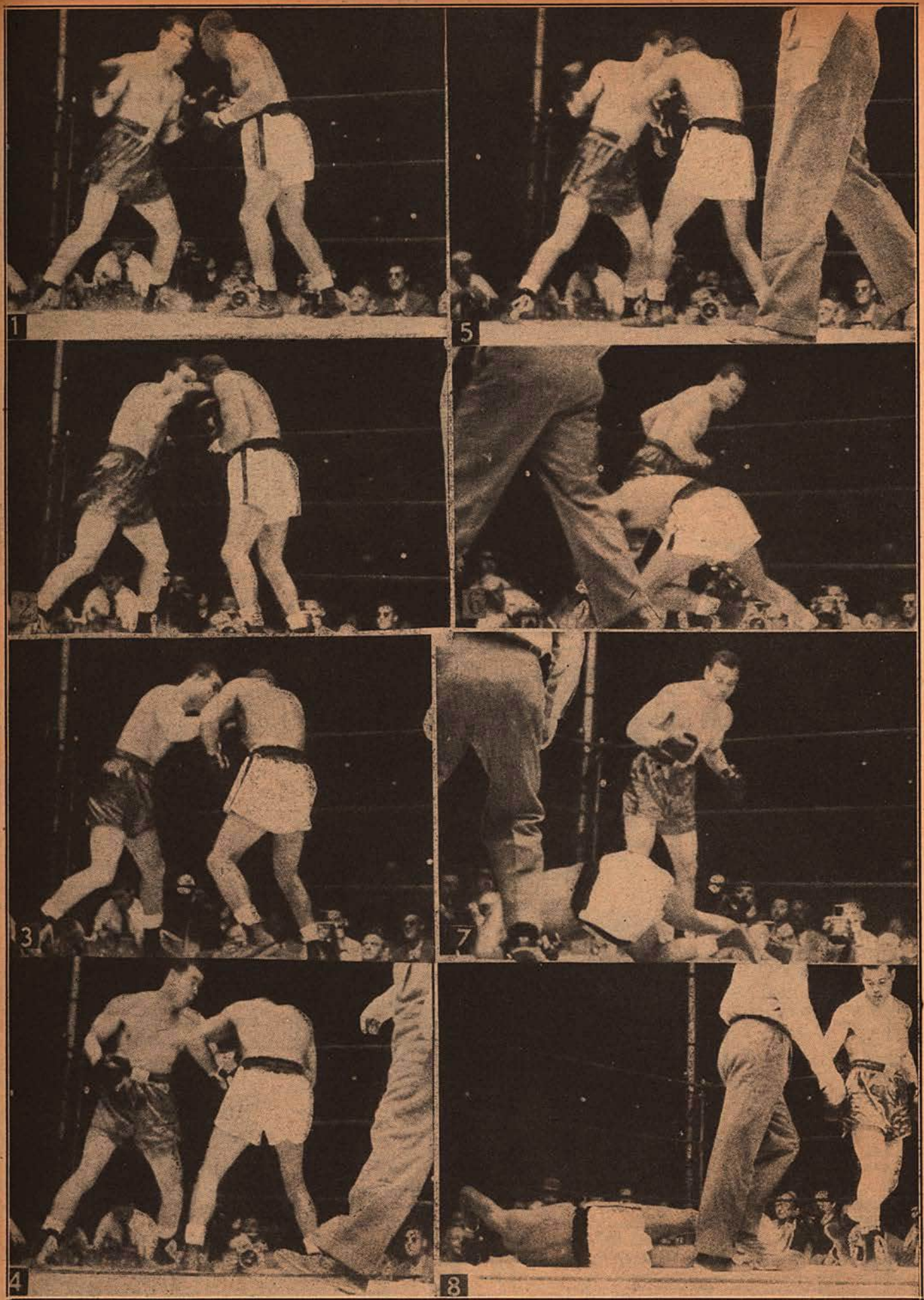
Louis tapped a left to the body, a signal for Walcott to commence his backward march. The challenger sprang in with a right to the head. Retreating, Walcott met the advancing Louis with two swift lefts to the face.

Louis hooked two fast lefts to the head. Walcott shot a short right to the jaw and a left to the head. Louis landed a right to the jaw and drove Walcott to the ropes. They traded punches furiously, Louis landing with greater force. He delivered several lefts to the body. And drove a right to the jaw to floor Walcott.

Jersey Joe almost regained his feet at nine, but fell back to the canvas at the count of ten, and Louis was the winner by a knockout in 2:56 of the round.



Joe Louis, king of the heavyweights, whose last round in his bout with Jersey Joe Walcott has been designated as the Round of the Year.



The Round of the Year. 1—Louis brings his powerful right into action. 2—The blow lands on Jersey Joe's jaw. 3—Walcott drops his guard. 4—Louis brings up his left hook and starts Walcott on his way to the canvas. 5—The champ cocks his right. 6—Jersey Joe drops to the canvas from previous blow. 7—The champ starts for a neutral corner. 8—It's all over as Walcott is counted out.

appealing class. He has it in his power to bring back to the middleweight division the glorious record of the past.

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ROBINSON has been a keen disappointment. Possessing every asset of a great boxer, generally classed as one of the best all-around technicians of recent years, tabbed as the best man, weight-for-weight of any pugilist in any class, Sugar Ray, through self-adoration and mis-management, failed to live up to expectations.

Though he rates tops as a boxer and hitter, unfortunately his division has suffered because Sugar Ray finds it difficult to make the weight and therefore he has shunned competition among the welters. By his actions he has prevented promoters from building up the division into a gate appealing class. Ray should have engaged in several title defenses yet fought in defense of his crown only once. The kind of competition the class offers would not have put Robinson's crown in jeopardy.

Hence it would be in the best interests of boxing were Sugar Ray to vacate the throne if he finds he cannot make the weight without injuring himself and stick to the middleweight class. Kid Gavilan is an opponent who is worthy of a shot at Ray's title and so is Frankie Fernandez. They should get the chance or Ray should enable them to fight it out for the crown in an elimination following his abdication.

From a promoter's point of view, a battle for the middleweight crown between Sugar Ray and Marcel Cerdan is the outstanding fistic attraction for 1949. From a financial viewpoint and as a thrill provider, such a contest would be superior to any that could be staged between Louis and one of the heavyweights now listed as a contender. That's why Robinson should abandon the welterweight class and concentrate on middleweights so that he can force the issue for recognition as Cerdan's leading challenger despite his denial to such rights to deserving boxers in his present class. I repeat that boxing needs a shot in the arm and a Cerdan-Robinson fight would provide such a remedy.

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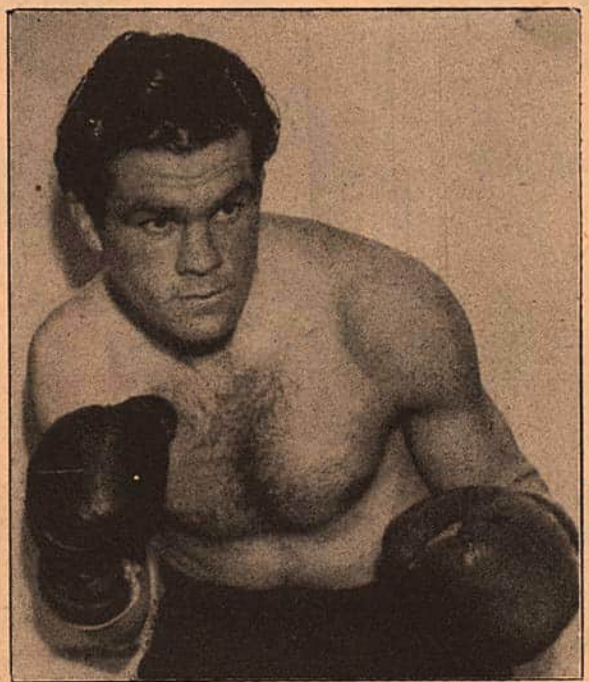
WHEREVER the sport has an active titleholder, one who is ever ready to defend his crown against the outstanding challengers as Louis has done, that class flourishes. When Louis fought in his "bum-of-the-month" program, the heavyweight division was the busiest in years. The bouts were centered around the top men of the division, with the resulting activity among the men of lesser ability.

Such was the case in the lightweight division last year. With Ike Williams at the helm, every contender who was worthy of a shot at Ike's crown, was given the opportunity to relieve him of it but failed. The program which Ike followed, kept the boys of his class in the spotlight throughout the year. It was the most active and proportionately, drew as much in receipts as did any other division. Thanks to the pace set by Williams.

The final round between Beau Jack and Ike Williams in their title bout in Philadelphia. Jack, supporting himself in a neutral corner, takes a terrific beating from the champ. Williams stopped his man in the sixth. That fight came close to winning the citation as the Fight of the Year.



Freddie Mills of London, world light-heavyweight champion, who won the crown from Gus Lesnevich.

The most encouraging sign for the future of boxing was the unusual activity of the champions in 1948. From May until November, eleven world championship bouts were staged in which every titleholder except the flyweight king took part.

Louis defended his title successfully by knocking out Walcott.

Lesnevich fought Mills in London in a championship bout and Freddie relieved Gus of his crown. Previously Lesnevich had kayoed Billy Fox.

Ike Williams defended his crown successfully three times, against Enrique Bolanos, Beau Jack and Jesse Flores.

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ROBINSON tackled Bernard Docusen in Chicago and retained his welter title. Manuel Ortiz defeated Memo Valero in Mexicali in a bantamweight title mill and Willie Pep lost his crown to Sandy Saddler in the Garden in a featherweight championship match after stopping Humberto Sierra in the tenth.

In a contest for the middleweight laurels, Tony Zale was stopped by Cerdan after Zale had previously won the title by halting Graziano. Both bouts took place in New Jersey

Monaghan was the only title holder who failed to put his crown on the line, but he did keep himself in competition in non-championship fights.

As for Pep, like Williams, he was a busy little champion. The Hartford lad engaged in ten bouts from May 7 to October 29 scattered over localities that were sadly in need of help. Twice he appeared in his home city and twice in New York. He fought once in Detroit, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Flint and Waterbury and will get a chance in February to regain his lost honors when he faces Saddler in a return engagement in the Garden.

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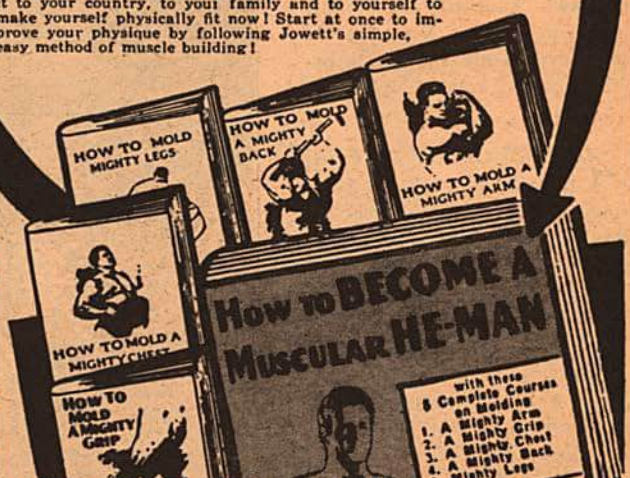

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GAVILAN'S ADVANCE FASTEST

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THE greatest advance made by any professional boxer in the year 1948 was achieved by Kid Gavilan, the Cuban welterweight, who definitely earned the right to get a shot at Ray Robinson and the championship.

The Hawk from Havana engaged in eleven contests during the year and he was the loser thrice. Despite these setbacks, by Robinson, Doug Ratford and Ike Williams, Gavilan still was the chief advocate of progress in the pro ranks.

The Hawk started the year with a ten-round draw with Gene Burton on January 12. On the 23rd, he stopped Joe Curcio in the second. February 13 saw him beat Vinnie Rossano in ten. A fortnight later he was outpointed in ten by Ike in the Garden.

After the April setback by Ratford, Gavilan beat Tommy Bell in ten, and then stopped Rocco Rossano in the first heat.

Roman Alvarez was outpointed in ten, Buster Tuler ditto. Then the match in which Robinson outpointed him in Yankee Stadium in ten.

In Washington on October 21, the Hawk knocked out Vinnie Rossano in six. His November 12 victory over Tony Pellone in ten in the Garden was a high spot.

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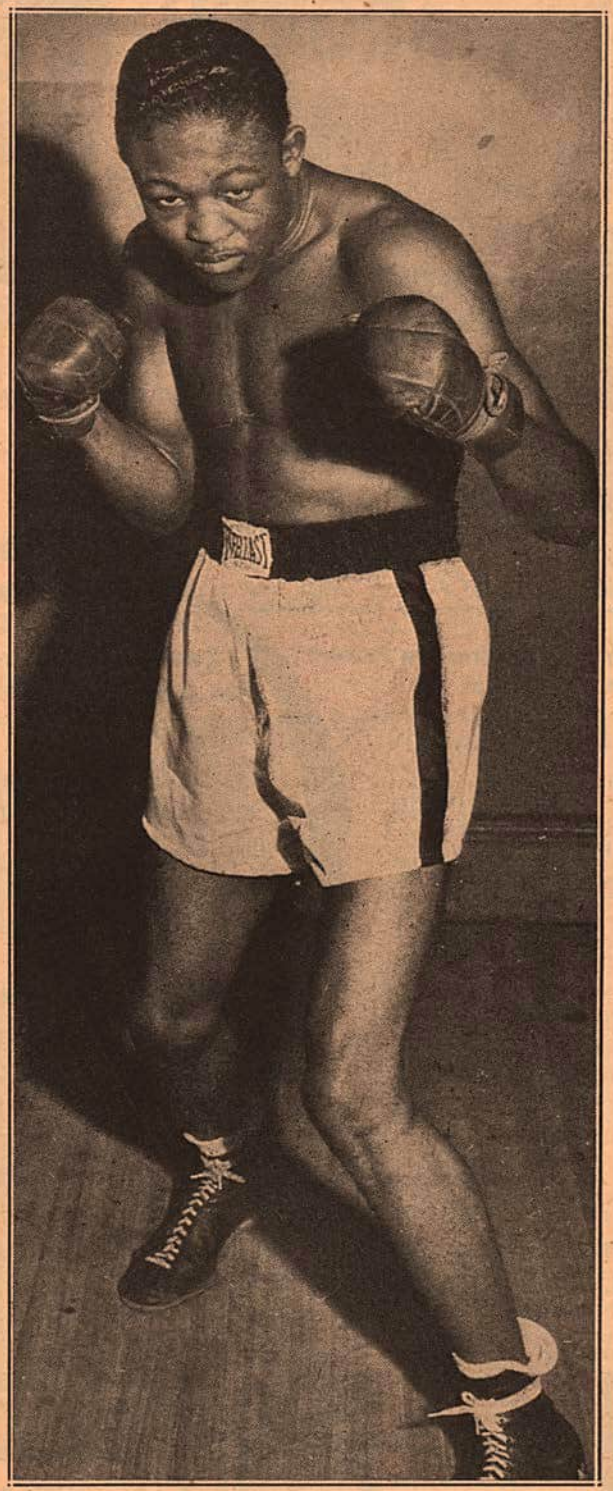
ALTHOUGH Gavilan failed to achieve the title in 1948, he may hit the target in 1949.

Ray Robinson may give up his welter bauble and enter the middleweight scramble in which case the "Hawk" would undoubtedly be in an elimination and be favored to win the welter crown.

Three world champions did lose their laurels this past year. They were Gus Lesnevich, dethroned by Freddie Mills of England; Tony Zale, beaten by Marcel Cerdan, and Willie Pep, knocked out by Sandy Saddler.

Here is the tabulation of champions of 1948 as compared with those of 1947:

1947		*1948*
Joe Louis	Heavyweight	Joe Louis
Gus Lesnevich	Light-heavyweight	Freddie Mills
Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale	Middleweight	Marcel Cerdan
Ray Robinson	Welterweight	Ray Robinson
Ike Williams	Lightweight	Ike Williams
Willie Pep	Featherweight	Sandy Saddler
Manuel Ortiz	Bantamweight	Manuel Ortiz
Rinty Monaghan	Flyweight	Rinty Monaghan



Kid Gavilan, whose fine work in 1948 resulted in his becoming the outstanding contender for welterweight honors.

In the above list we find four white boys and four Negroes as kings of their respective divisions, a condition which indicates the tremendous strides made by the latter in the past ten years. In an effort to emulate the deeds of Joe Louis and other members of their race who have reached the heights, the Negroes have left nothing undone that would aid them in reaching their goal.

Through strenuous work in the gymnasium, a closer adherence to the training code and the elimination of racial prejudice in most states, they have found in boxing a field that is far more lucrative than any other in which they might cast their lot.

That so many have made the grade speaks highly of the faithfulness with which they have carried out their plans. More than sixty per cent of the entire boxing population in America are Negroes and in almost every division they constitute the greatest portion of the topnotch fighters among the first twenty. That's how good they are.

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THERE were not as many oddities recorded for 1948 as there were the previous year. These gained public attention:

1—Teddy Lee of Islington, England, was dropped eleven times by Neal McCearn of Glasgow in three rounds before the bout was halted.

2—Alan Wilkens of Wales was floored fourteen times by Alf Danahar of London before he quit in the sixth round.

3—Lee Q. Murray, one of the big flops of the past year, was dropped to the canvas twelve times by Sid Peaks in only two rounds. Peaks, like Murray, loomed as a bright prospect and then fell by the wayside when he clashed with the topnotchers.

4—Fred Herman put Dynamite Jackson down twelve times at Phoenix, Arizona.

5—Babe Fenton kayoed Tony Lacetta in the seventh round after having him drape the canvas floor thirteen times.

6—On June 9, Pedro Jiminez and Sailor Ike Patton ran head on into each other during the third round of their Honolulu contest for a double knockout. The bout was halted and called a draw.

7—On August 26, Lee Oma scored a one-round kayo over Howard Chard at Syracuse without tossing a punch. Howard was counted out while slumped *(Continued on page 50)*

Frankie Fernandez, an outstanding welterweight who hails from Hawaii. Next to Ray Robinson, he is the hardest hitter in his division and looms as a possible successor to Sugar Ray.

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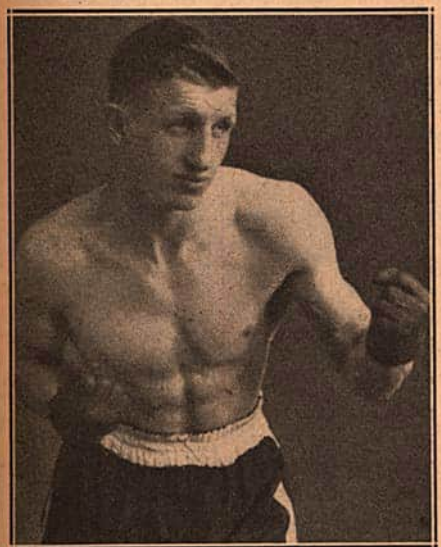


Rinty Monaghan, world flyweight champion who comes from Belfast, North Ireland. He may defend his crown early in 1949.

HOW THEY COMPARE WITH LAST YEAR'S RATINGS

HERE is a comparison of The Number One Man in last year's ratings and the leading contender and those of this year:

Heavyweight

1947—Joe Louis and Joe Walcott; 1948—Joe Louis and Joe Walcott.

Light-heavyweight

1947—Gus Lesnevich and Ezzard Charles; 1948—Freddie Mills and Gus Lesnevich.

Middleweight

1947—Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale; 1948—Marcel Cerdan and Bert Lytell.

Welterweight

1947—Ray Robinson and Tommy Bell; 1948—Ray Robinson and Bernard Docusen.

Lightweight

1947—Ike Williams and Enrique Bolanos; 1948—Ike Williams and Enrique Bolanos.

Featherweight

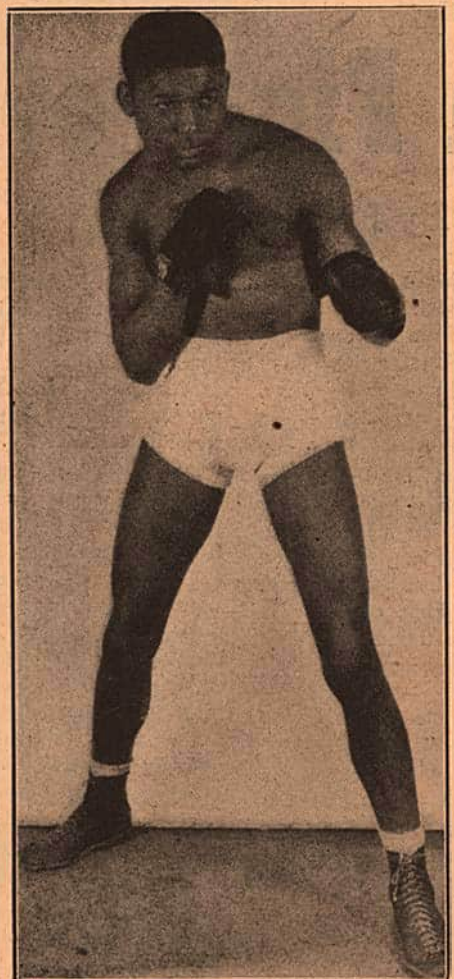
1947—Willie Pep and Humberto Sierra; 1948—Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep.

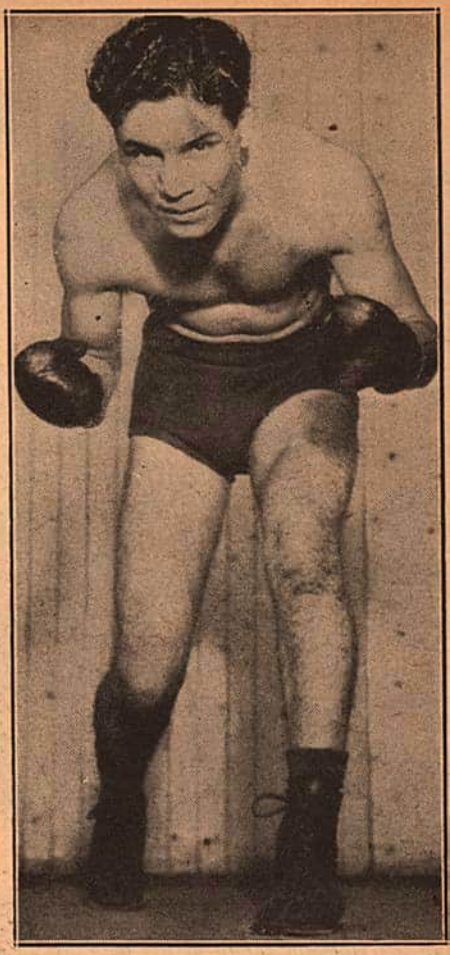
Bantamweight

1947—Manuel Ortiz and Peter Kane; 1948—Manuel Ortiz and Cecil Schoonmaker.

Flyweight

1947—Rinty Monaghan and Dado Marino; 1948—Rinty Monaghan and Maurice Sandeyron.





Manuel Ortiz who heads the bantam division. At 31 years, he is still going strong.

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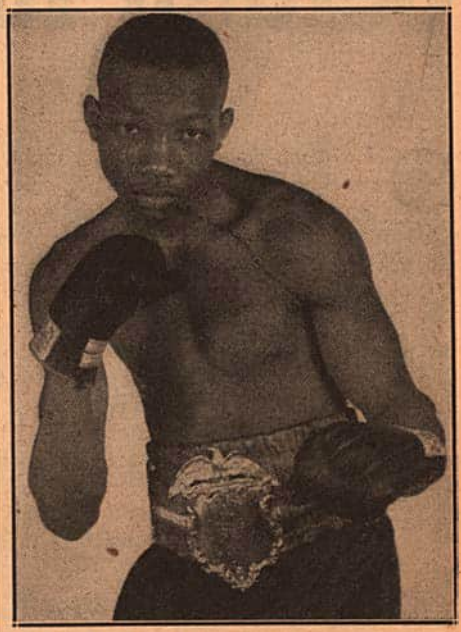

Sandy Saddler of New York, newly crowned world featherweight king.

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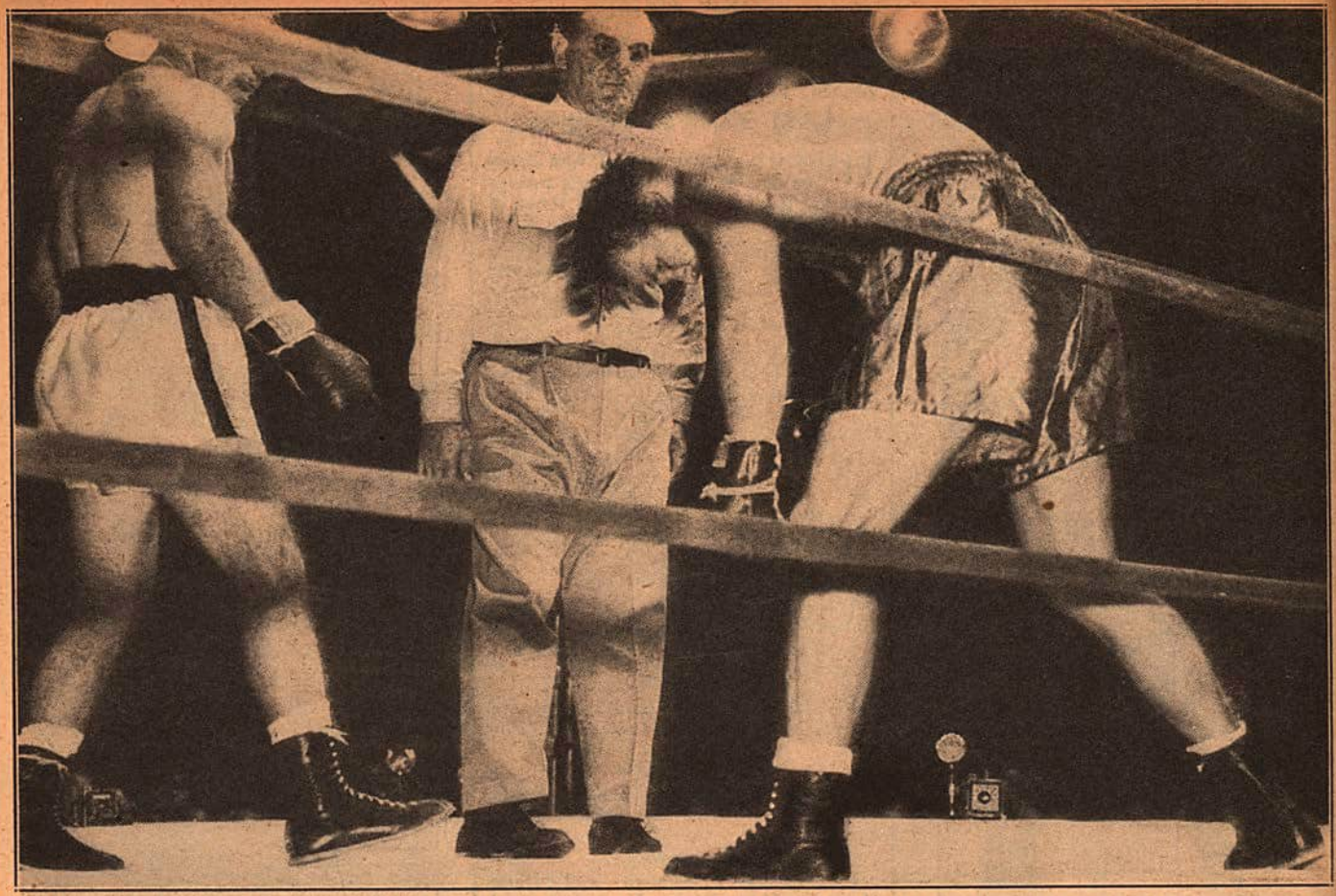
Sugar Ray Robinson, world welterweight king.



Here is a shot of the world title holder, Tony Zale, as he starts to collapse and sinks to the canvas just as the bell sounded ending the eleventh round of his bout with Cerdan. Marcel takes one look at his opponent before walking to his corner. The referee (Cavalier), uncertain what to do, stands before Zale, then leaps forward to catch the fallen gladiator. Thus ended the Fight of the Year.

Cerdan in Fight of the Year

By JOHNNY SALAK

ON a damp and misty autumn night, Marcel Cerdan, the swarthy, smiling Casablanca Clouter, and Tony Zale, the Man of Steel, engaged in a dramatic battle for supremacy —a battle that from the thousands which took place throughout the world during 1948 stands alone as the Fight of the Year.

The 20,000 fans who paid a quarter of a million dollars to view the spectacle at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City saw the passing of a champion, Tony Zale, who had created fear in the hearts of all middleweights for almost a decade with his deadly hitting powers and a hardiness and never-say-die spirit. They saw the spirit continue after the flesh had long surrendered to the brutal body punishment that Cerdan had administered. They saw the birth of a new middleweight king, one long in quest of such honors. They saw the passing of the middleweight title to a foreign invader for the first time in more than half a century.

And with it they witnessed a grand fight—a champion clinging tenaciously to a lost cause in an attempt to hold his coveted title; fighting back with nothing left to fight with; holding on, refusing to go down and be counted out though utter exhaustion had long taken hold. Zale lost his honors with the true grace of a great champion; Cerdan won the title in a manner befitting a title holder. Constantly the aggressor, pressing his every advantage, momentarily seeing his hopes crashing and fighting back, Cerdan eventually wore down his worthy opponent, and reached the goal for which he had campaigned more than a dozen years.

France's Tiger Man, weighing 158, was in perfect condition for the most important battle of his career. Zale, a pound heavier, was drawn a bit fine but was pronounced in excellent shape. The odds stood at 2-to-1 with Zale favored to retain the title he had three months previously regained from Rocky Graziano.

It could be seen early in the fight that Cerdan would prove no easy mark for the champion, for though easy to hit in training, his reflexes were remarkable and Zale's vaunted power was held to a minimum as the Frenchman repeatedly made him miss. Zale constantly looked for one clean shot to end matters; Cerdan hoped to wear his man down by means of a tireless fusillade of punches.

The fight followed that pattern and though the first two rounds went to the challenger, it was give-and-take with both men setting a fast pace. Zale showed at his best in the next two rounds as he attempted to end matters with his heavy artillery.

As the third round opened, Zale flicked a light left to the face and hammered two hard rights to the mid-section that sent Cerdan back against the ropes, dazed. The Frenchman came back fighting and drove both hands to the body.

Zale hammered a terrific right to the heart and Cerdan shot a hard right to the chin. They stood toe-to-toe and slashed away at each other at close range that sent the crowd into a frenzy. As the bell sounded, Zale was punishing his foe with body blows.

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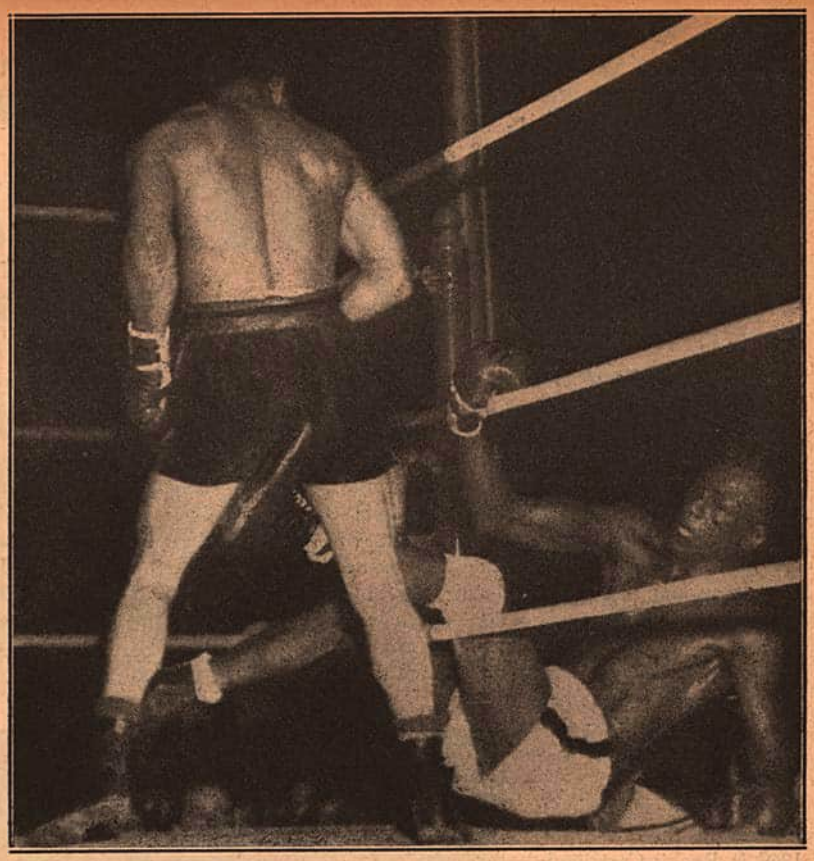
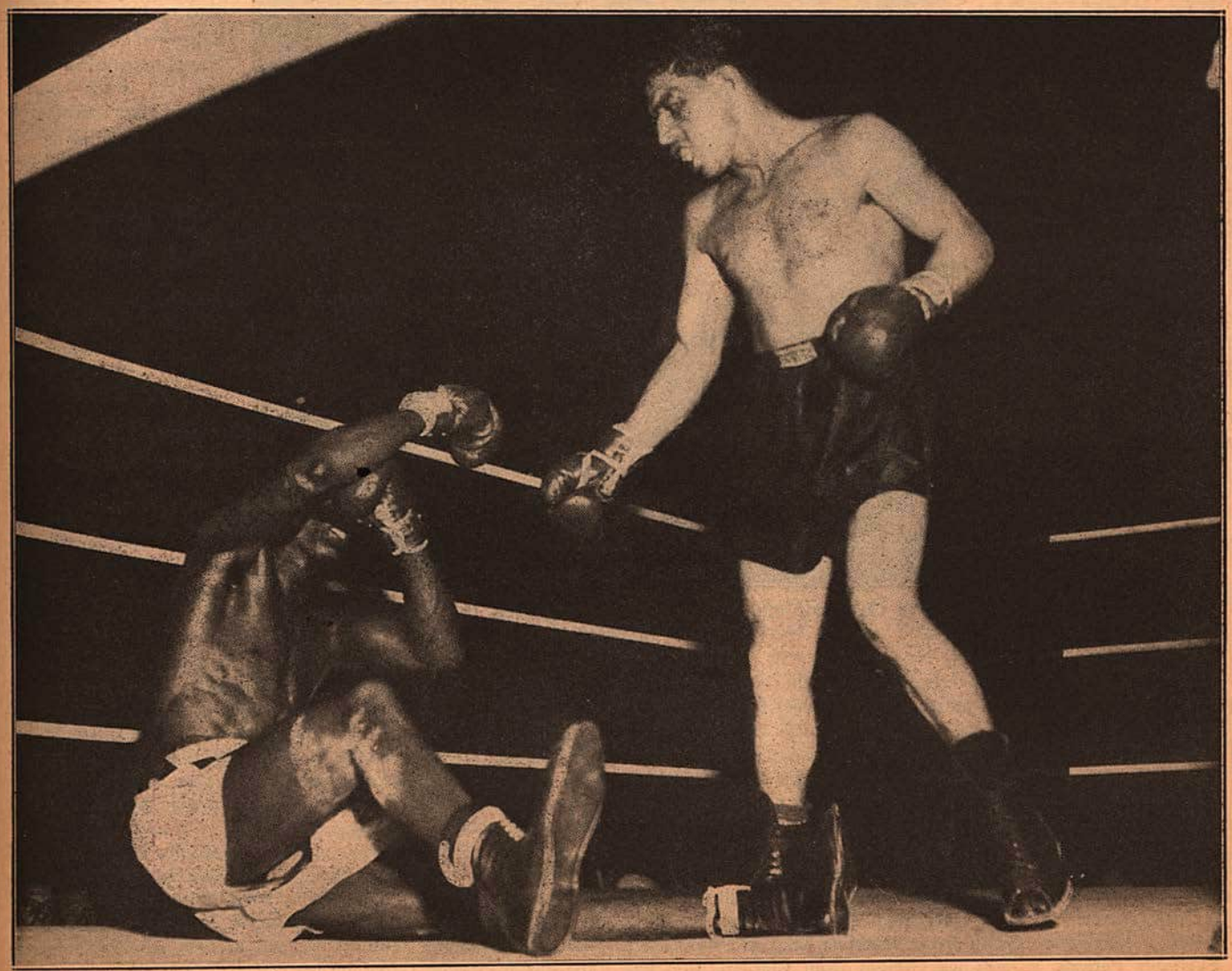
THOUGH he had had the better of the round, the pace was to tell on Zale, and in the fourth, perhaps knowing he would not be able to go the distance, *(Continued on page 20)*

ACE WELTER TAKES SHELLACKING



Right—Tommy Bell going through the ropes in fourth round of his fight with Frankie Fernandez in Honolulu. Bell, top ranking welter, was knocked out in the tenth round before 14,163 fans who paid $46,282.05. The knockout of Bell forced him far down in THE RING *ratings. Until the Fernandez fight, he was listed as the top contender. Fernandez is a socking demon and if he ever gets the chance to clash with those now rated above him, Hawaiians think he will emerge at the head of the division. That includes Ray Robinson who at 147 pounds would be too weak to do his best against Frankie.*

Below—Bell hitting the deck for third and final time in the tenth round. A series of smashing rights and lefts to the head put him away in 2:52. He was down twice in the tenth and once in the third and fourth rounds.



ROCKY CASTELLANI ROOKIE *of the* YEAR

By NAT LOUBET

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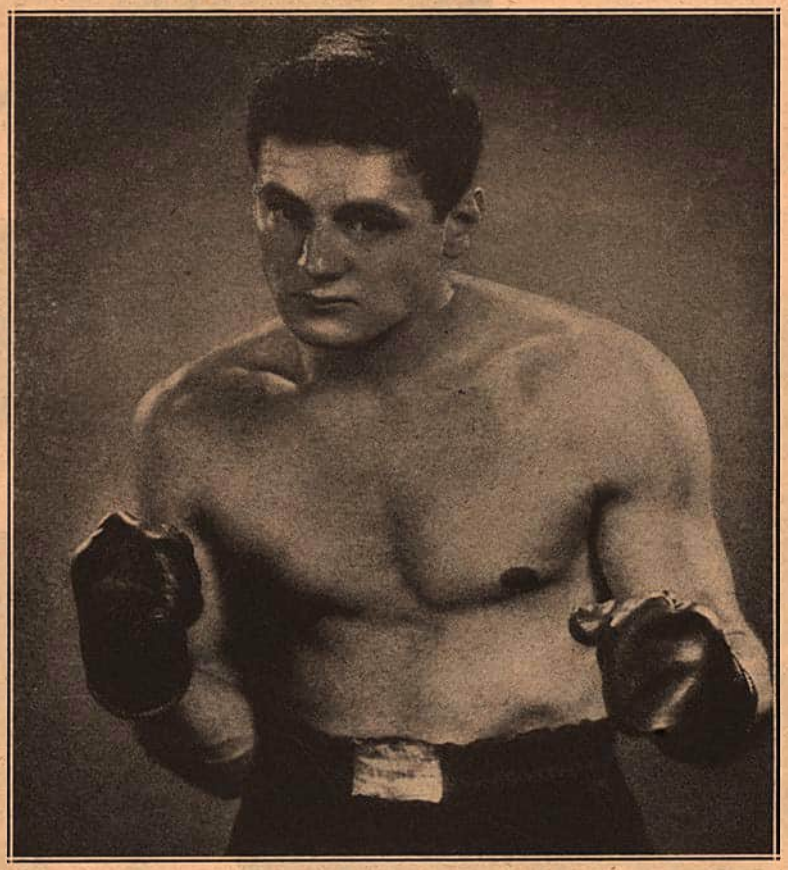
ONE of the most popular awards made in boxing is the Rookie of the Year Award. Originated by THE RING Magazine in 1947 as an incentive to instil in the youngsters a desire to make the grade, it has become most popular with matchmakers and promoters because of the keen competition it has aroused among those seeking to win the honors and the beautiful gold and silver medal that goes with it. It was felt by the members of THE RING staff that some outstanding citation for the young and coming boxer should be devised and so it came about that this publication, which was the first to rate the boxers of the world, the first to award medals for high merit, the first to recognize the most remarkable ring performance of each year, was the first, also, to set up this prize for the rookies of the squared circle.

THE RING Magazine's Rookie of the Year for 1948 is Rocky Castellani, middleweight from Luzerne, Pa. This sturdy scrapper took part in seven fights from January 15 on, and never received a setback. Last year he was runner-up to Laverne Roach. This year he gained the majority of the votes.

Castellani opened with a ten-round victory over Jimmy King. Then, on May 13, Rocky stopped Leo Sawicki in the fourth. Into the Garden in New York came the Pennsylvania belter to outpoint Harold Green in ten on May 18.

July 15 saw Castellani beat Mickey Zangara in ten and August 2 produced a ten-round triumph over Herbie Kronowitz. Walter Cartier was stopped in seven, Sonny Horne was whipped in ten. A fine record, indeed!



Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., who received the highest number of votes as the rookie of the year.

For 1947, we named Laverne Roach as the best rookie, but unfortunately this lad, who possessed every asset of a good fighter, was rushed along too rapidly after receiving this high distinction. After his defeat at the hands of Marcel Cerdan and his marriage, he quickly faded out of the picture. This year's choice, Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, like Roach, looms as a fine championship prospect if not overmatched while he is still in the growing stage.

The year 1948 has produced other excellent prospects in Roland La Starza, heavyweight, who has rolled up 27 victories in a row, holder of 13 knockouts, who unfortunately has been fed too many ordinary opponents; Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass., a heavyweight newcomer who, with proper handling, may go a long way; Sylvester Perkins, a light-heavyweight from Chicago, who has earned a position in the ratings, and Harold Johnson, another light-heavy from Philadelphia, who has notched 20 wins in a row.

Among the middleweights are Lee Sala of Donora, Pa., a hard hitter, Joey DeJohn, an outstanding prospect from Syracuse, N. Y., and two New York youngsters, Jimmy Herring and Jimmy Flood. Flood has notched 19 straight while Herring has won 17 out of 19 with one of the other two being a draw. Dumbie Eugene Hairston shows promise in the welters, as does Lester Felton, the 19-year-old, who has not lost a fight in two years. He has won 29 in a row.

The lightweight class has Del Flanagan of the Twin Cities and Billy Murphy, New York City lad, as youngsters with a future. Percy Bassett of Philadelphia is a likely-looking featherweight, as is Sal Ferello, who has won 35 out of 36 of his bouts.

Among the outstanding foreign prospects developed during the year are Jack Hassen, Australian lightweight, and Harry Hayes, Australian welter.

Hayes is the best foreign fighter to develop and come to the fore in 1948. He started his professional career in 1946, having one fight which he won. In 1947 he fought ten times and in 1948 he answered the bell on eight occasions. Through his 19 fights he is undefeated.

Hassen, likewise undefeated, started his pro career in 1947, starting four times. He fought on six occasions during the year just ended.

Of the above the youngster who made the greatest strides was Castellani. This rangy, good-looking lad, who carries two powerful fists, possesses plenty of heart and is also clever, has jumped from an ordinary preliminary boy to a place among the top men of the middleweight class as a headliner. Though he has not yet reached the point where he rates among the first ten, he has everything that is required to make the grade and because of his rise to prominence during the past year, he is chosen our "Rookie of the Year." He will receive a gold and silver medal from THE RING Magazine.

Castellani delivered an impressive record for his first year of professional glove tossing when he punched his way from a preliminary boy in his coal-mining neighborhood to a semi-final in the Garden and a main event in the St. Nicholas Club, New York's outstanding fistic arenas. But in 1948, his second year in the money-chasing ranks, he performed in a manner that caused

the fistic experts to predict a great future for him.

Fast and aggressive, with a lot of natural savvy, Rocky has suffered only one defeat in 27 starts, that at the hands of Billy Kilroy, which he wiped out later in a return engagement. For a kid of his experience, he has faced rough and tough opposition, though none of his opponents were of championship calibre. But what more could one expect from a lad who has had such limited experience? Last year he fell short of qualifying for the Rookie of the Year award by a hair's breadth.

Technically, he is not a rookie. In the strict sense of the word he doesn't have to be a rookie to gain THE RING award. Any lad who has been fighting even for several years but was practically unknown to the world at large on January 1, 1948, yet earned a place as a star attraction during the next twelve months, qualified for the prize. It is an award to give the kids in boxing a chance, to give them an added something to shoot at during the year. He must be a lad who has catapulted from comparative obscurity to a place in the fistic sun, even though he fails to qualify as a ranking fighter, and such a boy we find in 1948 in Castellani.

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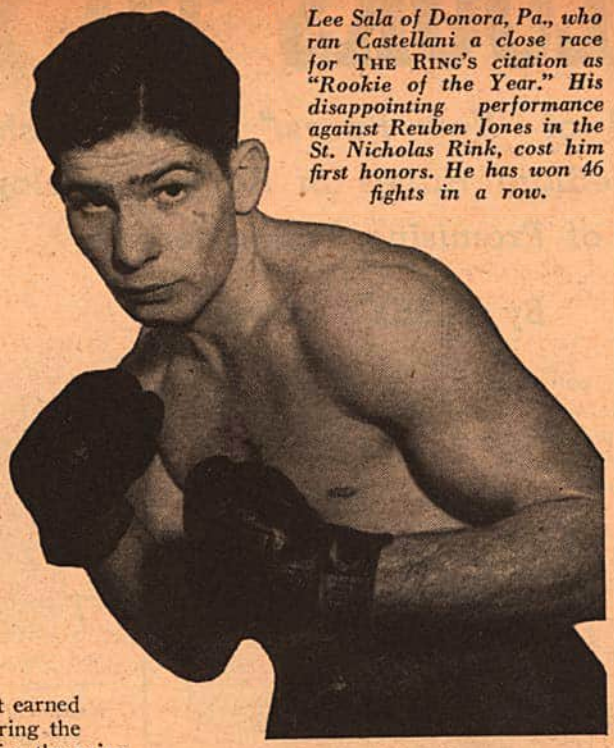
MORE than a year ago, while reporting for the *North China Marine*, a weekly newspaper published under the auspices of the III Marine Amphibious Corps Special Service Section in Tientsin, North China, a reporter was talking to a fellow by the name of Ubaldo Giometti in reference to a group of aspiring Marine Corps boxers who were then tuning up for the China Area fistic titles, finals to be held in Shanghai. A kid by the name of Castellani came up for special consideration.

"Rocky is a lad with very good qualities," Giometti told the reporter, "and I look forward to him going a long way in professional circles back in the States. He still has to brush up on a few of the nicer points in boxing, but he is willing to learn, and that's the main thing in the boxing game. He'll have a chance to learn a lot in America."

Coming from Giometti, the words of praise found a soft spot in Rocky's heart. Young Castellani practically idolized Giometti, and he had good cause to.

"I learned a lot from Giometti," Castellani said recently. "He taught me things I'll never forget."

Rocky must have been thinking of Giometti as he sat in his corner in Madison Square Garden in September, 1947, before answering the bell to meet Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini in the eight-round semi-final to the Janiro-Pellone fight. A newcomer in pro circles, Rocky blasted out a decision to cop the bout. His win over the ring veteran, Mancini, in his first appearance at Madison Square Garden established



Lee Sala of Donora, Pa., who ran Castellani a close race for THE RING'S *citation as "Rookie of the Year." His disappointing performance against Reuben Jones in the St. Nicholas Rink, cost him first honors. He has won 46 fights in a row.*

Castellani as an up-and-coming youngster who would have to be reckoned with.

Rocky earned wins over Marines Sal Fontana, Danny Bucci, Charlie Sterner and Bob Larkin at the Hai Alai Arena in Tientsin. In the Shanghai finals he decisively whipped Sammy Muscato, Buffalo lad, to cop the middleweight crown.

While with the Third Marine Division on Guam, where he was also that outfit's champ, Castellani lost a split decision to a Marine named Phil Villette. Rocky was eager for a return match, but Villette always managed to steer clear of the Luzerne lad's challenges. The writer tried to get the two together in a second tussle, but both Rocky and Villette were battling out of the same outfit in Tientsin and it was considered bad judgment to match the boys. But Castellani was confident he could whip Villette.

Well, Rocky has come a long way since, and if he keeps his noggin on his shoulders, can't miss.

RING QUESTION BOX

Ed Blau, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Q.—In the fight between Joe Louis and Tommy Farr, was the title involved? For how many rounds was this bout scheduled? In the fights between Louis and Billy Conn, did Conn drop Louis to the canvas?

A.—Yes, the title was involved. It was Louis' first championship defense and the bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds. Conn did not put Louis down in either fight. He almost dropped Louis in the twelfth round of their first fight.

Joe Parrillo, Phila., Pa.

Q.—Did Ike Williams lose any fights, non-title bouts, since winning the championship from Bob Montgomery? When was his last lost battle fought and with whom? When Williams fought Pellone, did that fight take place in the Garden?

A.—Williams has not lost a fight up to this writing since he won the title from Montgomery. In fact he has not lost a contest since Burton beat him in ten rounds in Chicago on Jan. 27, 1927. The fight with Pellone took place in Madison Square Garden.

Vincent Corriere, Reading, Pa.

Q.—How many times did Tommy Bell and Kid Gavilan fight?

A.—Once, on April 26, 1948, in Philadelphia and Gavilan won in ten rounds.

Les Hufman, Columbus, O.

Q.—In the fight between Lee Q. Murray and Alabama Kid, the Kid dropped Murray to the canvas. The referee counted up to seven and Lee got up and the referee stopped counting. Then Murray went down again just after he got his knees off the floor and the referee started to count again but began to count at one. I maintain he was in error. Had he counted as he should have, Murray would have lost by a kayo. Am I correct?

A.—Yes, the referee was wrong. If a fighter gets up from the canvas and then goes down immediately, before the fighting is resumed, the referee should start counting where he had left off. In this case the referee should have resumed the count beginning with eight and not with one. He gave Murray a long count.

Frank Nardo, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Q.—At what weight did Young Griffo fight? When and where did he die?

A.—He scaled between 118 when he started and 130 when he quit the ring. Most frequently he fought as a featherweight. He died in New York City on December 7, 1927.

P. G. Stevens, Brooklyn

Q.—What was Harry Greb's busiest year? What was Billy Stribling's top mark?

A.—Harry Greb's busiest year was in 1919 when the Flying Dutchman packed in 42 bouts. Billy Stribling hit the 30 bout mark in several years. His top figure was 38 for 1924 and 1928.

Jack Lingenfelser, Maysville, Ky.

Q.—How many times did Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries fight?

A.—Once, on July 4, 1910, and Johnson stopped Jeffries in the 15th round.

Miss Lillian Villareal, Los Angeles, Calif.

Q.—What year did Bob Montgomery and Jesse Flores meet? What was the result? How many titles did Joe Gans hold?

A.—They fought March 31, 1947, in San Francisco and Flores was stopped in the third round. Gans held only the world lightweight title.

Glenn W. Ernest, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Q.—Did Schmeling and Braddock ever meet?

A.—No. They were scheduled to clash but Braddock jumped his contract and decided to fight Joe Louis instead. On the day of the weighing in, while Braddock was in Chicago training for the Louis bout Max Schmeling weighed in at the New York Boxing Commission's office in what was termed a weigh-in for the Phantom Fight.

D. D. Bevos, Johannesburg, South Africa

Q.—What has become of Abel Cestac? Is he fighting any more? What kind of a record did he have in the States?

A.—He is living in Rio de Janeiro where he returned from this country at the end of last year. This year he fought only once, stopping Lucas Rubinick on June 26 in the second round. While in the U.S. he rolled up a good record though most of his opponents were second raters. Most of his victories were via the knockout route.

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BOXING LOOKS TO YOUTH

Desperately in Need of "New Faces," Leather-Pushing Profession Places Immediate Hopes in Rapid Development of Promising Youngsters

By JERSEY JONES

AT least one encouraging sign in the outlook confronting the boxing profession for 1949 is the wealth of promising young material scattered around the landscape.

The development of these youngsters represents a vital necessity to the immediate welfare of the leather-pushing industry, which has been suffering painfully from a critical case of pernicious stagnancy in talent these last few years.

As we've stressed often enough in these pages, boxing could well use some vision, intelligence and enterprise by its promoters and matchmakers, particularly in the major centers. But, as of now, very little of that vision, intelligence and enterprise has been in evidence.

Operations in New York have been more or less typical of the entire nation. Instead of concentrating on the encouragement and development of promising youngsters, our leading pugilistic entrepreneurs have been content to play along with the same old ringworn veterans, show after show, and the monotonous program has been largely responsible for the steady decline in attendances and receipts.

So far as the Big Time is concerned, there are scores of likely youngsters, toiling in the hinterlands, who require only the opportunity to show in Madison Square Garden, or one of the other major arenas of the nation, to inject the "new blood" so seriously needed in the business and it's up to the promoters to give these kids a chance if boxing is to be helped.

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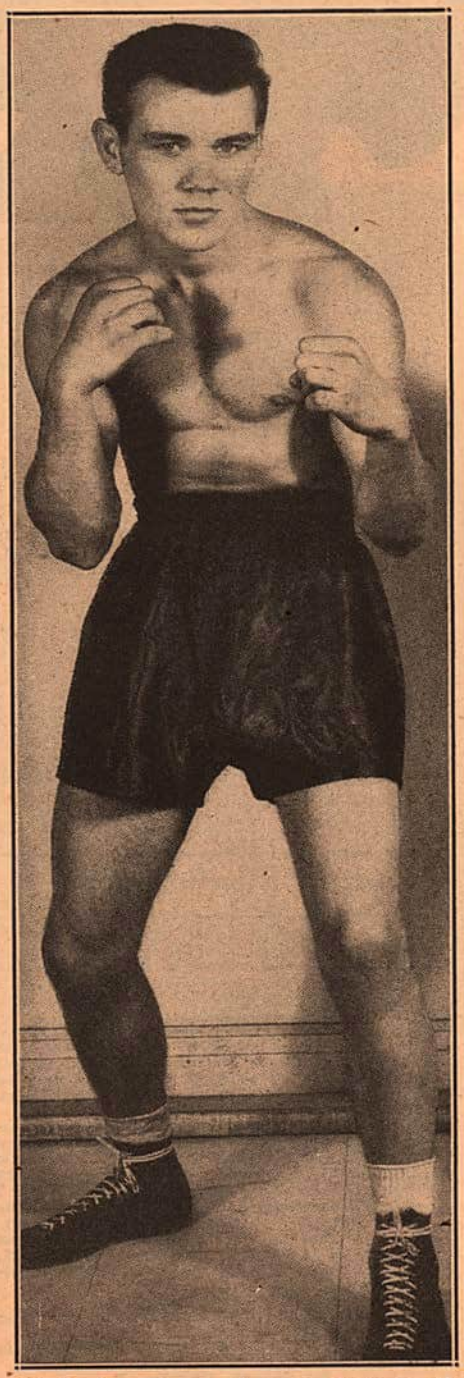
A MOVE in the right direction was made recently by Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Club when it imported 21-year-old Vince Foster from Omaha for an appearance in a Madison Square Garden semi-final.

The youngster, a welterweight, proceeded to make a fine impression on the customers with an aggressive, two-handed style vaguely reminiscent of Billy Petrolle during the early years of the Fargo Express' colorful career. Which wasn't entirely surprising, considering that Jack Hurley, who developed Petrolle, happened to be handling Foster.

Vince isn't quite ready for headline status as yet, but the performance he uncovered in his New York debut would seem to indicate that he's not far from it.

Another young "importation" who looked good in two recent Garden preliminaries is Johnny Kaufman, rangy Rochester welterweight, with a fast, busy style, and lusty punching power. On the occasion of his first showing in the House That Tex Built, Kaufman swarmed all over Al LaBarba, and batted him out in the third frame. In his next showing, he slugged Mayhew Smith helpless in five rounds.



St. Paul, producer of many of ring's all-time greats, comes up with another brilliant prospect in unbeaten 20-year-old lightweight, Del Flanagan.

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THERE are quite a few other youngsters, operating along the highways and byways of the nation, who deserve the sort of chances given to Foster and Kaufman.

For one, there is another Nebraskan, Don Lee of Edison, who sports a draw and two wins in three meetings with Foster in Omaha.

Lee, now grown into a middleweight, is a younger brother of the once popular Glen Lee, and reports have it that he's patterned his modus operandi along the same rough, tough, slugging lines as his kin.

Since the summer of 1947, when he dropped a decision to the late Jackie Darthard in Omaha, and was held to a draw in his first outing with Foster, Lee has been unbeaten. His streak, up to this writing, embraces 19 straight wins, two of them at the expense of Foster.

One lad who certainly merits a crack at the Big Time is Joey DeJohn, youngest member of the prolific Syracuse fighting clan.

Campaigning exclusively in upper New York State rings, Joey ran off a string of 15 triumphs during 1948, among them knockouts of Red Priest in Utica, Cliff Hart in Syracuse and Sonny Horne in Buffalo. He needed only 39 seconds to flatten the durable Horne in one of the year's most stunning performances.

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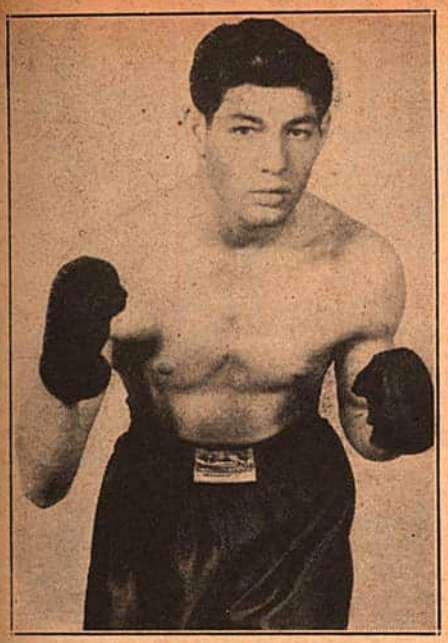
ANOTHER youngster who appears well on his way to hitting the top brackets is lightweight Del Flanagan, younger of St. Paul's two battling brothers.

Del, who only recently celebrated his 20th birthday, is touted as one of the finest fighting machines to come out of the Twin Cities since the brilliant era that produced Mike and Tom Gibbons, Billy Miske, Mike O'Dowd, Billy DeFoe, Johnny Tillman, Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle, Jock Malone and that distinguished crowd.

Flanagan has been unbeaten in two years of professional campaigning, and has compiled a record of 17 knockouts



Joey DeJohn of Syracuse stirred up middleweight interest with knockouts of Red Priest, Cliff Hart and Sonny Horne in up-State New York rings.

and 13 decisions in 30 starts to date.

For a youngster, Del has whipped some pretty fair opposition. He has chalked up a decision and a knockout in two meetings with Freddie Latson; a decision and a kayo in a pair of clashes with Del Cockayne; verdicts over Pat Iacobucci, Henry LaSane and Eddie Lander, and a kayo over Jorge Estrada.

New England is becoming quite excited of late over the possibilities of a young Roxbury middleweight, Joe Rindone, who, in 17 bouts so far, has put together 11 knockouts and five decisions against only one defeat and one draw. The stalemate was in one of his most recent outings—with experienced Pete Mead in Boston.

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ONE of the most spectacular advances in recent years has been engineered by a 19-year-old Negro featherweight of Philadelphia, Percy Bassett.

In less than two years of professional operations, Bassett has become a top attraction in the Quaker City, and is being boomed as a sure-fire headliner in world ratings.

In running off 24 straight wins, the sepian socker has stiffened 15 of his victims. His most notable achievements include kayoes of Bobby Bell, Walter Cabey Lewis and Archie Wilmer. Bassett's one-round triumph over Wilmer was particularly noteworthy, since Archie, a ringwise campaigner, had gone the 10-round route with Willie Pep in Philadelphia and the eight-round distance with Sandy Saddler in Madison Square Garden.

Philadelphia and its immediately adjacent precincts have come up with two other Negro youngsters who are rapidly closing in on headline recognition. Both sport the same family name, Johnson, but they are not related.

Harold Johnson, 21-year-old Manyunk light-heavy, is unbeaten in two years of pro competition, with 12 of his 20 wins winding up in kayoes. His best performance was to flatten Augustino Guedes in Philadelphia two weeks after the Portuguese had knocked out Billy Fox in Allentown.

Clarence (Honey Chile) Johnson, 20-year-old welterweight out of Grays Ferry, is a dangerous puncher, and apt to stiffen any one he hits, but his boxing ability is rather limited, and veterans like Roman Alvarez and Chuck Taylor have given him more than a few headaches. In his two and a half years of pushing leather in the money ranks, Honey Chile has posted 16 knockouts and 13 decisions against three draws and five defeats.

The youngster's outstanding performance has been an eight-round kayo of Buster Tyler in Philadelphia.

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THE Pacific Northwest, which seems to specialize in topline middleweights, has come up with another who'll bear a lot of serious watching. He is Jack Snapp, and he operates out of Portland, Ore. In two years of pro fighting, Snapp has already established himself as one of the best 160-pounders on the west coast. Among his wins have been knockouts of Bobby Volk and Billy Arnold, and decisions over Al Hostak, Jake Chase and Larry Carter.

Irish Jimmy Curl of San Antonio is a colorful slugger with great knockout record.

A featherweight definitely worth tabbing for future Big Time ranking is 20-year-old Corky Gonzales, of Denver.

Gonzales turned pro after copping the National A.A.U. bantam laurels early in 1947, and in the next 18 months proceeded to run off 22 straight wins before dropping his first verdict, Eddie Marotta outpointing him in Denver. But Corky came right back to square accounts with Marotta in a return bout. Of Gonzales' 23 triumphs so far, seven have been by knockouts.

New Yorkers were startled recently to read that Fairest Norman, of Mount Vernon, regarded as one of the better young middleweight prospects in the metropolitan area, had been flattened in two rounds in Bridgeport by a comparative unknown, Jimmy Beau. But a check on Beau uncovered some interesting facts. His knockout of Norman was no mere flash in the padded ring. The young man, who bills himself out of Bridgeport, had made a habit of stiffening his opponents in Connecticut arenas. In slightly more than a year of fistic operations, Beau had belted nine for nine, as they'd say in our best baseball circles, and Norman became No. 10 in the unbroken string.

Following his performance against Norman, Beau's kayo streak was halted by experienced Teddy Pritchard, who succeeded in going the six-round route with him in Bridgeport. But Jimmy demonstrated that he doesn't have to flatten his opponent to win. He whipped Pritchard on points.

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THOUGH he is now rated well up in THE RING's light-heavyweight listings, Sylvester Perkins, 21-year-old Chicagoan, is another comparative newcomer in the industry, but one seemingly endowed with an abundant supply of what it takes to make the turnstiles click.

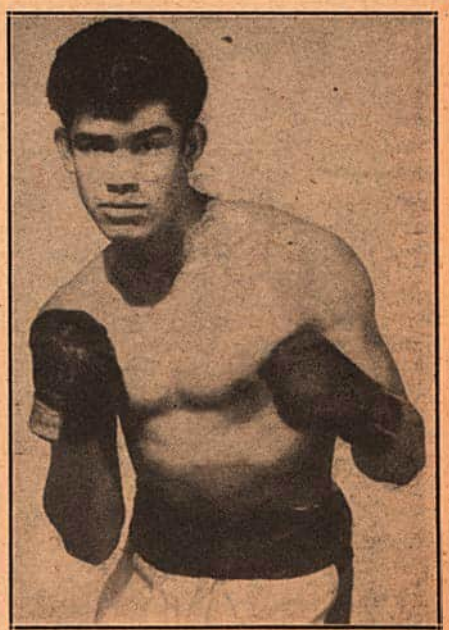
Perkins had been fighting about a year and a half when he was picked to face Irish Jimmy Curl in the sensational San Antonio youngster's Chicago debut last summer. Curl, a thunderous puncher, had breezed into the Windy City with a string of 17 straight wins in southern rings, 15 of them by knockouts.

Sylvester proceeded to toss him some of his own specialty. He stiffened Curl in the third.

Since then, Perkins has beaten Tommy Yarosz, Charley Banks and Lloyd Gibson, all in Chicago, and kayoed Ossie Harris in Miami and Pat McCafferty in Wichita.

Despite his defeat by Perkins, Curl also seems to be a youngster with the old box-office appeal. The Texan may be lacking in some of the niceties of boxing, but he's a colorful sort, a willing mixer, and a dangerous puncher—and there's nothing like an explosive clouter to arouse the interest of the cash customers. Irish Jimmy has stowed away 23 of his 35 opponents so far—and that's lusty belting in any league.

Such journeyman workers as Henry Chemel, Indian Gomez and Fist Dever are listed among Irish Jimmy's kayo victims.



Former amateur star, Corky Gonzales of Denver, with 23 victories in 24 pro starts, shapes up as future featherweight headliner.

AMONG the best of the heavyweight prospects is Joe Cheshul, of Bayonne, a young man who gives every indication of developing into a rare species these days—a boxer who really knows how to box.

Cheshul's professional ring career to date covers only 24 bouts, confined to Newark and Jersey City rings, but the youngster revealed exceptional possibilities in beating the likes of Jim Holden, Renato Tontini, Fidel Arciniega, Leo Matriciani, Mike Jacobs and Art Swiden. Unbiased observers were convinced Cheshul also whipped Pat Comiskey, and the verdict in favor of the Paterson giant was bitterly disputed.

Another big 'un who has been attracting something more than casual attention along Jacobs Beach is Rocky Marciano, of Brockton, Mass., a 185-pounder who seems to pack real devastation in his fists.

With the exception of one jaunt to Washington, Marciano's ring activities so far have been confined to Providence. In his first six months of professional campaigning, Rocky clicked off 10 straight knockouts—eight of them in the first round! And, for the most part, his opponents rated better than the usual run of preliminary fighters. Rocky's most recent victim, for instance, was the 213-pound Patrick Connolly, who had been regarded as a good prospect himself. Marciano required only 57 seconds to polish off large Patrick in Providence.

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AMONG other youngsters who look as though they are headed for conspicuous spots in heavyweight competition are Curt Kennedy of Chicago, Joe Lindsay of Brooklyn, and Maynard Jones of Wilmington, Del.

Kennedy is the lad who recently made things interesting for Joe Louis in an exhibition in Kansas City. Fighting professionally less than a year, he sports a record of 13 wins and one draw in 14 starts.

Lindsay, also with only about a year's experience, has made rapid strides at the smaller clubs in New York's metropolitan district. He looked particularly good in beating the more experienced Jimmy Walker in a recent semi-final at the St. Nick Arena. Previously, he knocked out a pretty fair trio of opponents in Johnny Swanson, Earl Walls and Gene Felton, and twice whipped Bob Isler.

Jones, who won the All-Navy heavyweight title in a San Diego, Calif., tournament in 1947, turned professional after his 21st birthday last summer, and moved rapidly up the fistic scale. Among his early accomplishments were two quick kayoes of shifty Art Brown—in three rounds in Staten Island, and one in Binghamton. In his fifth bout, the youngster topped a Binghamton card in an eight-rounder, whipping Johnny Swanson in impressive fashion. Fast for a 185-pounder, and a robust puncher with either hand, the Wilmingtonian shapes up as one of the best young heavyweights in the business at present.

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THE lads listed in this document are only some of the many promising youngsters edging into the fistic scene in recent months. Were space to permit, we could list at least a score of other up-and-coming kids scattered throughout the nation who seem to pack the natural qualifications for future headline rating, and require only the right sort of handling and experience to reach their coveted goals.

The main point of all this, of course, is to emphasize once again the vital need of vision, intelligence and enterprise by our promoters and matchmakers in encouraging the newcomers. With Big Time talent as scarce as it is today, boxing's immediate future depends upon the development of the youngsters.

The Old Boys have had things pretty much to themselves these last few years. But time's running out on them, and from here on in, the accent belongs on youth.

Roland La Starza, an outstanding young heavyweight fighting around New York. He may make the headlines this year.

Cerdan in Fight of Year

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the champion went all out in an effort to end matters. After several exchanges, he landed the best punch of the contest, the best by either man. It was a thunderous right hand that struck with the power of a sledge hammer, buckling the knees of Cerdan and casting a shadow of gloom on his face that showed he sensed disaster facing him. There was pain and shock in the Frenchman's face but he did not go down.

And Zale, seeing Cerdan take Tony's best punch without dropping to the canvas, then fully realized that he was fighting a lost cause—fighting a demon who would not go down. The vaunted right of Zale that had sent Graziano and half a hundred others to the canvas, was the champion's best weapon and that had failed. Confidence crept into the challenger's eyes as he came back fighting, swarming all over the champion, no longer in fear of Zale's right.

A determined Cerdan, an irresistible Cerdan, hammered away with no let-up through the rounds that followed. He unleashed blows at a pace that was amazing. Zale weakened. Zale was stunned; he was tired.

Yet he fought back but he was like a child in the hands of a master. The end was coming. It had to come because the punishment Zale had taken would have stopped ten men. Cerdan kept pouring it on, battering and ramming his fists into the body and face of the brave champion. Zale grew weaker; Cerdan seemed to grow stronger.

No longer was the crowd glued with intent on the outcome of the battle. There was no hope for Zale. His trusty right hung low, the power gone from his strong shoulders. The crowd wondered! The fans were stunned! How long could Zale continue to take this punishment?

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THE end was in sight in the eleventh round for Zale was worn into a state of utter helplessness by the drum-fire of blows that Cerdan constantly poured into him almost at will. It was not any one blow that stopped Zale. It was not the punishment he took in the eleventh round. It was the accumulation of the hundreds of blows he had taken throughout the fight. He was like a man stumbling in a drunken sleep as he tottered and staggered. And finally as the bell sounded, Cerdan sent a flurry of rights and lefts to an unprotected chin and the champion sagged forward and collapsed.

The Man of Steel crumbled. He fell to his knees and his seconds rushed to his aid.

The bleeding, battered form sat limp, beyond any help his handlers might be able to revive him in the allotted minute. The champion had come to the end of the trail and his seconds signaled Referee Paul Cavalier that Zale could not come out for the twelfth round.

Wild acclaim greeted the announcement that a new champion was crowned. No longer could the ring be seen as a surging mob swarmed over it—policemen, photographers, newsmen, camp followers, scores of jubilant Frenchmen—they were all fans at that moment as they greeted a new popular idol.

Hopes and dreams were smashed and born and history was recorded in the most powerful pugilistic drama of the year, the one fight that can be called the Fight of the Year.

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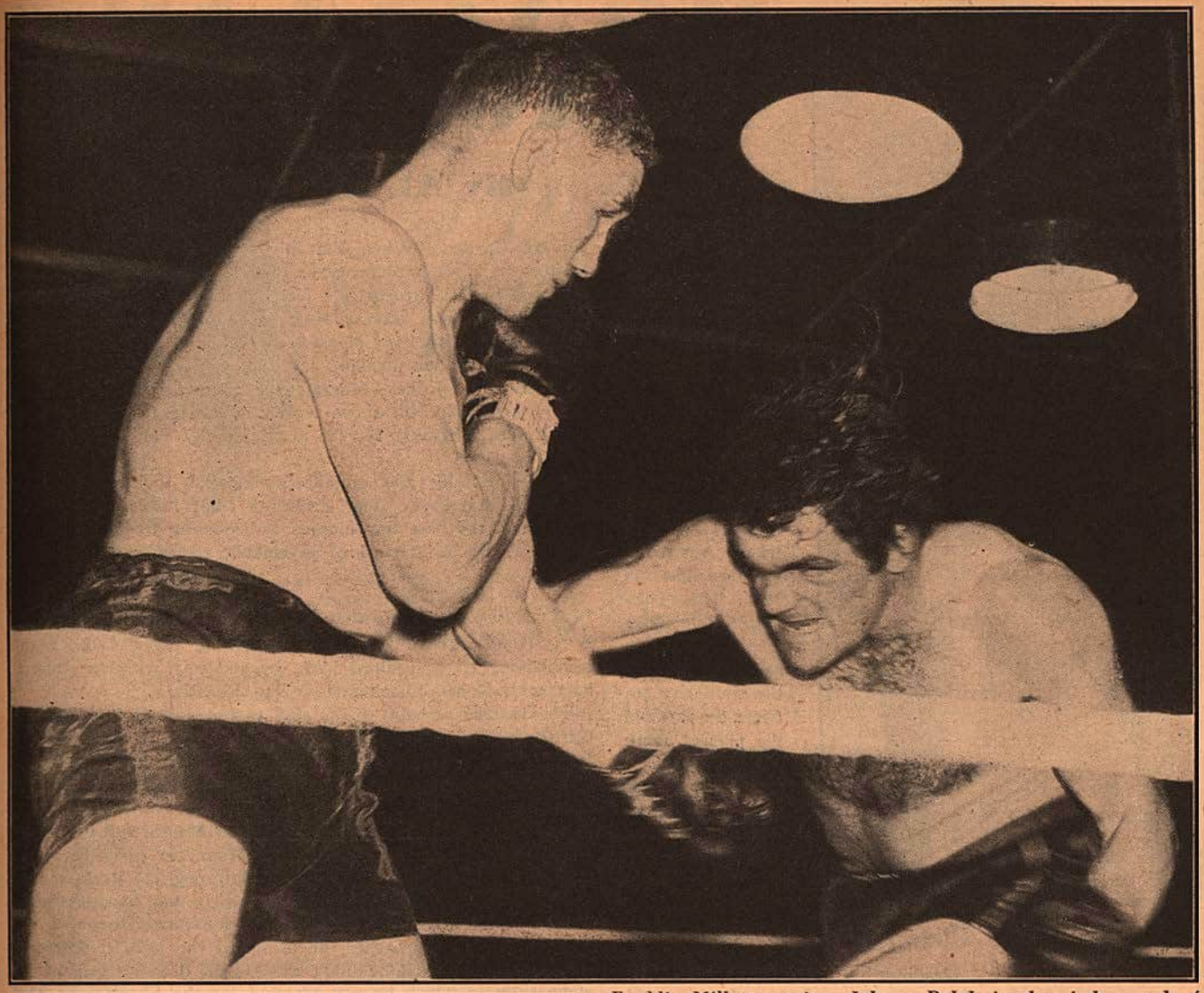
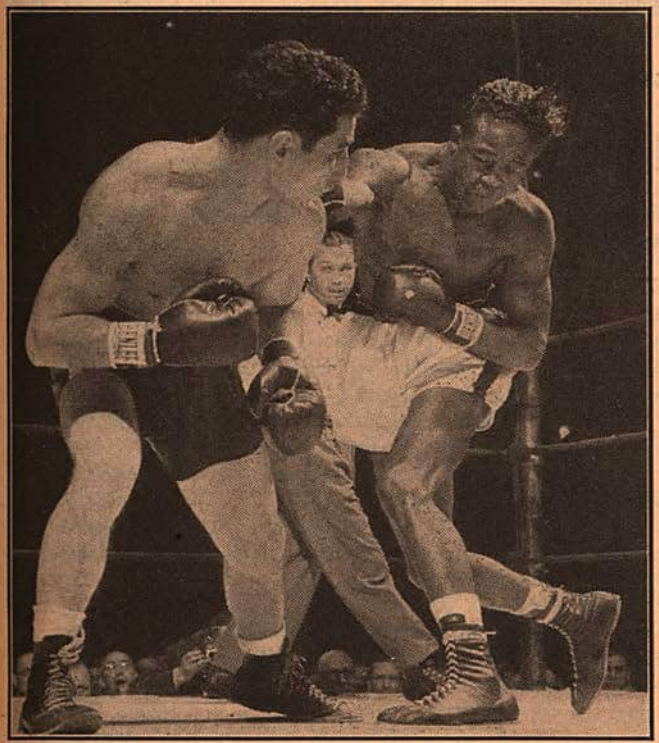
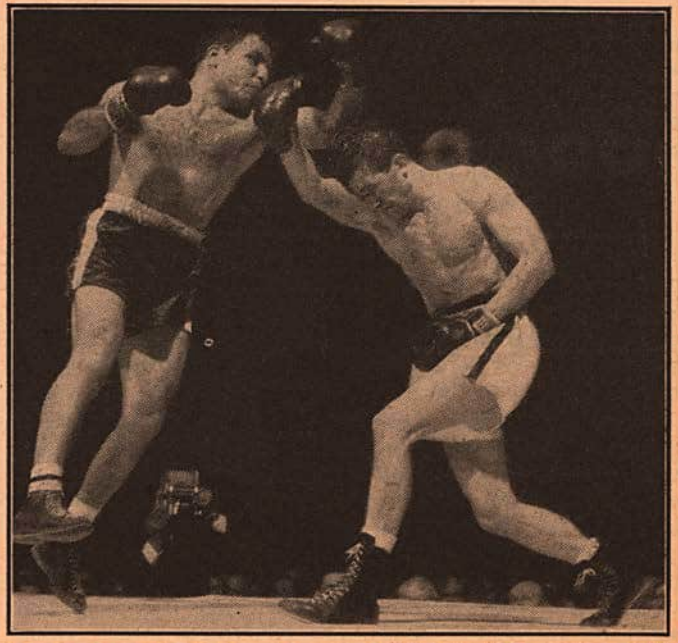


Freddie Mills tears into Johnny Ralph in the sixth round of Johannesburg bout. Ralph took one count of two and four counts of eight and was put away in the eighth session. W. Garforth, RING correspondent, took the above photo.



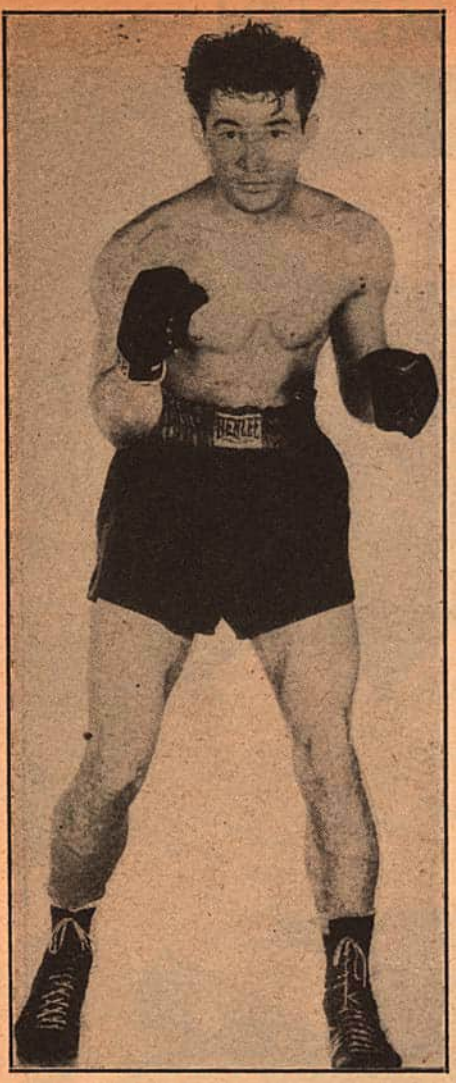
A scene in the fight in the Garden between Tony Pellone (left), and Kid Gavilan. Gavilan won and gained top ranking contender's position.



Here we see Jake LaMotta leaping in the air, but missing, while Teddy Yarosz, head down, lands his right against Jake's jaw, in the Garden ring. Jake won.

GRAZIANO'S TRAGIC CASE

By AL BUCK



Rocky Graziano

THERE is a striking parallel in what is happening to Rocky Graziano and what did happen to Les Darcy. History is up to its old trick of repeating itself, with Rocky cast in the role originated by the tragic Australian middleweight in 1916. That Darcy's difficulties were of his own creating, makes the similarity between the past and the present more striking.

Perhaps it is only an illusion, but Graziano, seeking to explain his unhappy position in a great flow of words could have been the broken-hearted Darcy pleading his unhappy cause in the hours before his death in Memphis, Tenn. Just as Darcy could never correct his original mistake, Graziano is plagued by his early error. As Les was damned by his past, so is the boy from New York's streets.

The Darcy story has been told many times and need not be repeated at length. In his native Australia he had beaten the best, including Jimmy Clabby, George Chip, and Eddie McGoorty, leading American middleweights of that time. Only Jeff Smith had outscored him when a claim of foul was ignored. What was more reasonable than for Darcy to have the ambition to follow in the footsteps of Bob Fitzsimmons and invade the United States.

Unfortunately his timing was bad. His country was at war when he sailed for the United States. There was no conscription in Australia, but in 1916 sentiment in the U.S.A. was extremely pro-Allied, and this country was already preparing to join the forces battling the Hun.

No sooner had Darcy arrived than New York's Governor Whitman informed the Boxing Commission that the Australian must not be permitted to fight in the Empire State.

Other states followed New York's lead. There was no place where Les Darcy, the great boxer, was welcome to ply his trade. He went on a theatrical tour, hoping that the authorities would relent. In Memphis he was stricken with diphtheria and died.

Some say he died of a broken heart. Certainly he was mentally upset from the blows fate had dealt him. Few seem to realize that he invited those blows when he ran away from Australia and World War I. Similar blows have fallen on Graziano, who like Darcy, has only made trouble for himself by running away.

Take Rocky's most recent difficulties. He was homesick for New York, he said, and he longed to fight once more in Madison Square Garden. "When I'm in the Garden," he told boxing writers at a press conference called by his managers when he returned from California, "I feel like I'm in my bedroom."

Because he was homesick—or so he professed—he ran away from a fight with Fred Apostoli in Oakland. In his own words, Rocky "jumped an airplane and shot to New York." Never a thought about Jimmy Murray, the promoter, who had spent $9,000 to ballyhoo the show. No consideration for Apostoli, who had trained faithfully for the match. Rocky had just run away. Why?

"He's mentally and emotionally upset," Irving Cohen, his manager, explained. "The strain of what he has been going through in the past few months is beginning to tell on him. I believe Rocky is in need of psychiatric treatment."

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NOBODY can deny that Graziano has been under a strain. It all started, as far as the boxing public knew, when, complaining of a sprained back, he suddenly withdrew from a bout with Ruben Shank and fled to Florida.

The Graziano-Shank match was to top a benefit card at the Garden in December 1946. There seemed no valid reason for the Rock to run out, unless he was depressed by his unsuccessful attempt to win the middleweight title from Tony Zale the previous September.

Still Rocky was to fight Zale again, in March, and it was for that reason that he returned from Miami in early February. Then the big blow fell. The District Attorney had Rocky picked up to ask him about the Shank incident. It may have been only routine at the start, but Graziano told a strange story.

He had been approached, he informed the District Attorney, by a man whose name he didn't know in the dressing room of the gymnasium in which he was training for the Shank fight. The stranger offered him $100,000 to lose to Shank.

On the face of it the story was ridiculous. Nobody would have bet a stray dollar on Ruben, a sure pushover for Rocky.

Any bookmaker would have become suspicious had anybody tried to wager a large amount of money against Graziano. Rocky appeared before the Grand Jury, but there was no indictment. There couldn't be, as Graziano had not accepted the bribe, if it was ever offered to him, and had run away from the fight.

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THE Boxing Commission held a hearing during the course of which Graziano was found guilty of failing to report an attempt to bribe him. Few realized that there was such a rule in the book. It is reasonable to believe Rocky when he insists he never heard of it. Nor did any of the New York boxing writers. I doubt that Col. Eddie Eagan knew about it before the Graziano case came up. Nevertheless Graziano's license was revoked.

Six months later, when he asked to have the license restored, his plea was turned down.

There was a political angle to the case. Like Governor Whitman before him, Governor Dewey was a former District Attorney. Dewey aspired to be President. The present District Attorney was of the opposite political party.

Col. Eddie Eagan, the Commission chairman, who was appointed by Dewey, chose to uphold the rules as they were written. Graziano did not appeal to the courts. Instead he welcomed the opportunity to fight Zale again in Chicago. There on July 16, 1947, he won the world middleweight championship. I'm certain that the Commission's case would have fallen flat if Rocky had appealed it to a court of law.

It was after he became champion *(Continued on page 49)*

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Bruce Woodcock Gains Tainted Victory
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Boxing Ban in Indian Schools Protested

THE unfortunate ending of the bout between Lee Savold and Bruce Woodcock in London, the second successive fiasco promoted by Jack Solomons, involving Woodcock and American opponents, has placed British boxing in a sad plight. Considering that the latter was being considered as a possible opponent for Joe Louis, the winning of the affair by Woodcock on a foul put an awful crimp into the plans of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and Joe Louis for whom the organization hoped to obtain an opponent for a June bout through that mill and the Ezzard Charles-Joe Baksi contest.

From Eddie Borden, THE RING representative who sat at the ringside, we received word that at no time did Bruce have a chance against his American opponent. So far gone as a first rate fighter is Woodcock that even the British scribes, the day following his victory, declared that Woodcock no longer can be listed as a contender.

According to Borden, the build-up for the British heavyweight king, who is on the comeback trail, was just a little too much for him. He didn't fit in the same class with Savold and Lee could have taken Bruce into camp any time he wanted to. When Savold landed the low punch that caused his disqualification the British public booed the decision.

The motion pictures show that the blow was low, but why Savold, a good stand up fighter who in his American bouts has always kept his punches above the belt, tossed two low ones to the groin, when a couple of good wallops to the jaw or the body would have earned for him a knockout victory, is something that needs explaining. His seconds knew what they were up against in England.

Hitting in foul territory often doesn't even bring one warning. Disqualification usually follows immediately in the British Isles. Hence Lee should have been warned to avoid body punches. As a straight shooter they come no better than Savold. He can hit with accuracy and with a sharp sting and could have mastered his opponent with ease by using his usual style.

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DESPITE his defeat, Savold became the hero and Woodcock the goat. London sports writers not only belittled their titleholder for his weakness as a first rate fighter but scorched him for having gone down in the fourth round though he, like his opponent, was wearing an American made foul-proof protector. They told their readers to forget Bruce as a heavyweight title threat. He no longer fits into the picture.

In America, where the no-foul rule is in effect, it has repeatedly been proved that no matter how hard a blow a fighter receives where the cup offers protection, the recipient cannot be sufficiently hurt to land him on the canvas in a swoon. "Foul-Proof" Taylor, to prove his point, had New York scribes, including the powerful six foot four inch giant, Dan Parker, slam him with a baseball bat, yet Taylor showed no ill effects. But swooning, grovelling in the rosin dust following a punch below the belt has become a habit with some fighters in London.

The pictures of the Woodcock-Savold fight show that Lee did land a blow below the waistline. It travelled about three feet but the motion picture also shows that the low punch was partially blocked by Woodcock's forearm, therefore couldn't be as damaging as the grimace on Bruce's face would indicate.

Hence, low or not, it seems strange that Woodcock, a fighter seeking a battle with Joe Louis with the world crown at stake, would accept a tainted victory. We in America might feel otherwise, had Bruce not used the protection cup.

First it was Joe Beckett. Then Phil Scott and now England has still another of the swooning tribe who seeks world honors. If Bruce Woodcock continues to get rosin on his trunks every time he engages in a "battle," he will be carrying on the noble tradition that was the subject of laughable puns on the American stage for many years.

What is it that makes British heavyweights assume a horizontal position in the roped square whenever they clash with a fairly good foreign opponent? Swooning Swans used to be a dime a dozen in this country before "Foul-Proof" Taylor came to the rescue of boxing.

Perhaps it would be a worth while expenditure for Jack Solomons to import the famous Irishman to save the face of British boxing.

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THE invasion of the Columbia Broadcasting Company into the boxing promotion field has created quite a stir among the fight managers who seem to fear a loss of patronage and the possibility of the elimination of big outdoor shows should other important radio stations take over boxing organizations. Personally I don't think boxing will be affected much one way or the other as television is still in its infancy and it will take from three to five years before television can relay a fight over the entire country.

When that can be done, however, then the future of big outdoor and indoor extravaganzas before a tremendous number of spectators, will be in danger. C.B.S., for example, would be in a position to offer a fabulous sum to a champion and challenger to fight before a video gathering with only a few specially invited guests to sit in at the ringside—newspapermen and company executives—for example. That not only is possible, but probable.

It doesn't require much to visualize such a situation confronting the fight game. The Tournament of Champions, through its president, George Kletz, definitely will now have to be figured in the running for top billing of fighters. No longer does the Twentieth Century Club hold the whip hand in things pugilistic.

Even though Kletz's organization has no New York arena, with the great financial backing of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, it wouldn't surprise fistic followers to learn some morning in the near future that a special arena or a theater in New York will be the local home of the Tournament of Champions. So long as the theater or arena can care for about 6,000 people, it would suffice the purpose of the Broadcasting Company and its affiliate, the Tournament of Champions.

It is something new for boxing and the consolidation or partnership is certain to give the Twentieth Century Club and its colleague, the Madison Square Garden Corporation, many headaches.

Another possible development—and a pain in more places than the neck it would become for the politicians—would be the virtual elimination of boxing commissions, and the attendant losses in revenue to the states and cities in which they operate. Commissions have jurisdiction over professional boxing only when the gates of the fight clubs are open to the public and admission prices are charged. If important bouts were staged in television

studios, with guests admitted only by invitation, and no "entry fee" is charged, the commissions' authority automatically would cease, unless, of course, some new legislation were enacted to cover the situation.

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"THE Interior Department has frowned upon, but not as yet forbidden, boxing in Indian schools. A recommendation discouraging boxing as an official sport affects more than 2000 young men in fifteen Indian grammar schools and high schools in Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, North and South Dakota. Willard W. Beatty, director for education for the Indian Bureau, made the recommendation after conferring with the bureau's physicians.

"'Boxing is one of those sports where the main purpose seems to be to damage the opponent physically,' Beatty said. 'Medical study shows that a knockout does damage to the brain. The brain in recovering makes a short circuit of the damaged part rather than a growth. We are therefore recommending that boxing be dropped and that there be no official participation after this year.'"

The above appeared in the New York *Times* on Thanksgiving Day.

I wonder whether Mr. Beatty and his medical staff gave a thought to the military valor of American boxers during the last world war!

I wonder if they studied the case of Barney Ross and his heroism at Guadalcanal!

Or the many valorous deeds of the Indian lads in the air and on the various battlefields, young men who were members of Indian School boxing teams, some of them professional boxers but most of them amateurs who gained their laurels in intercollegiate boxing.

Mollycoddles like Mr. Beatty and his physicians should not be permitted to dictate the physical instruction programs of the wards in our Indian schools. Since the article above referred to was published, I have received many letters from the Chilocothe Indian School and the Albuquerque, New Mexico, school, the institutions which turned out many war heroes among former school boxers, protesting vigorously against the proposed ban.

Perhaps Mr. Beatty and his physicians will next tackle the problem of school football on the basis of the many deaths and injuries suffered by school boys during the past gridiron season and order that sport also abolished! Then why not hockey and by degrees do away with all sports so that the Indians can develop into the type of manhood which Mr. Beatty and his advisors would prefer.

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THE Indians have been maltreated by government agencies in many ways in recent years as is evident from the report by the New York *Evening Telegram* and the Scripps-Howard papers on the shameful conditions existing among the Navaho tribes. Now is the time for the tribal members of influence to rise in protest against such interference as is proposed by Mr. Beatty.

Boxing is a wholesome sport. It is the very type of physical training that the Indian, above all requires. So long as the sport is not a compulsory study in physical education, it should not be banned from the school curriculum.

It proved its worth to the Indians in the last world war and will prove its value in future conflicts should they arise. What is deemed a most desirable sport for the various branches of our armed forces by its highest officials, should be deemed good enough for the Indian schools which will furnish their quota of servicemen for Uncle Sam's forces.

More than eighty per cent of those examined by the army doctors in the first month of our new draft, were rejected for physical disability. Is that what Mr. Beatty and his medical advisors want so far as the Indians are concerned? The open life of the Indian boys makes them a most suitable class for the enjoyment of boxing. Let's see that they get it, Mr. Beatty.

Three weeks before Jack Delaney died at his home in Katonah, New York, on November 27, I wrote an article on his life for THE RING, one telling of his brave fight against the Grim Reaper and recalling his great fistic deeds. A few days before the January issue of this magazine made its appearance in the homes of our thousands of subscribers, the newspapers carried the story of the passing of the former light-heavyweight champion of the world into the hands of his Maker. I had hoped he would be well enough to read what the boxing world thought of him, but God willed otherwise.

Boxing lost a colorful, clever, hard hitting boxer when Jack Delaney quit the ring. He contributed much to the Golden Age of the sport in the early twenties.

What Dempsey did to bring the heavyweight class before the public, Delaney and his co-star of that era, Paul Berlenbach, accomplished for the light-heavyweight sector. While Dempsey was instrumental in bringing the million dollar gate into boxing, Berlenbach and Delaney brought gates beyond the hundred thousand dollar mark into the class below it.

Their bout at Ebbets Field, as pointed out in the January number of RING, established a new high for the division, 49,186 persons who paid a gate of $461,789. Delaney figured in three other bouts that grossed beyond the $100,000 figure. In 1927, when he invaded the heavyweight division, he and Jimmy Maloney, who outpointed him, drew a gate of $201,613 in the Garden, a new high that was tops for many years.

He had several brushes with death but his high spirit and his unconquerable will, enabled him to gain the victory until the most dreaded ailment, cancer, won the decision over him. That handicap was too great. From up in Valhalla, he will now have an opportunity to look down on those who are striving to emulate his fighting deeds in their upward climb to fame in the class over which Oliva Chapdelaine ruled.

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WHEN Jack Solomons joined in an agreement with the Twentieth Century Sporting Club to exchange European and American battlers, he declared:

"We had such an agreement two years ago. The only new clause in the contract signed by Lew Burston, representative of the Mike Jacobs' organization and myself to the old agreement signed in 1946, is that European champions will receive more world title fights. Take for example the case of Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion who can no longer make the weight without injury to himself. If that is true and Ray cannot defend his crown any longer, then a European and an American should fight for the title. It must not be two Americans. My new contract with the Twentieth Century Club pledges the Mike Jacobs' organization to follow this formula."

Isn't Jack Solomons, Lew Burston and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club taking too much for granted? By what line of reasoning do these partners assume that they alone will have the power or authority to name the two men who will fight for Ray's crown? There are other big time promoters who must be considered in such a deal.

It seems to me that the National Boxing Association will have plenty to say on that score and so will the New York Commission, the Illinois Board and that of California. There are many good welters besides those who fight for the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and these men will undoubtedly be given proper consideration by the National Boxing Association, which in the long run, will have it in its power to determine the finalists in such an important bout.

The British Board of Boxing Control undoubtedly will name the outstanding European who at this writing is not even listed among the first twenty world's best fighters in that class. The four best challengers who would be the NBA's choice to battle for the right to succeed Robinson in order to gain international recognition, would include Kid Gavilan, a Cuban; Bernard Docusen, of New Orleans; Frankie Fernandez of Hawaii and Johnny Greco of Canada.

Jack Solomons' choice, picked by the British Board, wouldn't have a chance to receive any consideration. The best fighter in the field today is Fernandez who would probably knock out each of the other three rivals, were he to get a chance.

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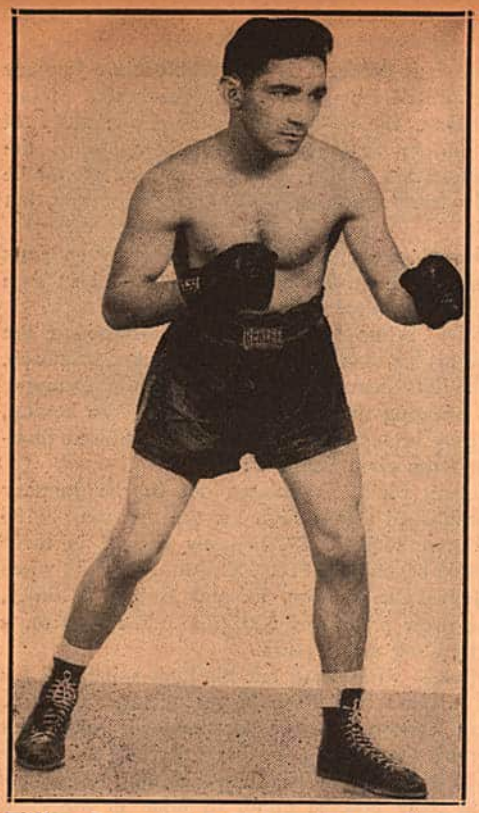
WHAT HAPPENED TO WILLIE PEP?

BY SID FEDER



Willie Pep, great featherweight, whose knockout at the hands of Sandy Saddler, continues to be a big topic in boxing circles.

THE confused gentleman who is wandering around these days, mumbling to himself, is only Mr. Gus Q. Fight Fan, and don't think too harshly of him, please, because he has suffered a couple of rude shocks in the past few months and they've left him in somewhat of a daze, to put it mildly.

Reading from left to right, the time bombs Gus Q. thought were only ripe mushmelons (until he picked them up and they exploded in his face) were:

Tony Zale, billed as the "new Stanley Ketchel" after winning his middleweight crown back from Rocky Graziano, didn't look like a "new" anything, except maybe a "new" old man, only three months later, as Marcel Cerdan tore the title from him, "ooh, la, la," and:

Willie Pep, who was rated high up in the featherweights' fanciest stratosphere with fellows like Abe Attell, because he had so much of everything he could even give some away and still have more than enough left, suddenly didn't have a thing, and lost his 127-pound playtoy to skinny Sandy Saddler, boxing's answer to the United Nations. (If you don't believe it about Sandy, just recall that he has busted beaks in a couple of dozen countries while chasing Pep, and that makes him "The UN Kid," even though he's never tangled with Vishinsky.) (Say, that's an idea.)

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WHEN the Zale bubble busted, the boys and girls were so shell-shocked their explanations of what happened even included a guess that on the day of the fight, someone put something in Tony's tea that was neither (a) lemon nor (b) sugar. And from there, the explanations ranged all the way up to the more probable one that Tony, like your last match in a windstorm, had just burned out.

The whacking of Wee Willie, however, was a horse from a different garage, because where Zale was 34 years old, Wee Willie was a spry and sprightly 27. And where Tony had been clouted around considerably from time to time along the road, the only occasion on which anyone had laid a glove on Will-o'-the-Wisp Will was one day last January on a street in Hartford, when a friend shook hands with Pep and kept his mittens on. It is very cold in Hartford in January and even to shake hands, you don't take your gloves off, because your fingers may come off with them. But here was Saddler taking charge of "the greatest featherweight since Attell" as though he owned him.

The idea is that, while Willie may not be a phantom, he has been about the toughest thing to hit since they invented the inside straight in a poker game. And when he went into operation on another fellow—well, if you think the sunset over the Grand Canyon is pretty and awesome, you should have seen Willie working. He made the sun set just as pretty. Somebody's son, that is.

The calamity clambake with Saddler was Willie's 137th fight, and he'd only lost one of the first 136. He'd racked up 62 in a row before Sammy Angott "clutched" a decision from him five years ago. Since that one, he'd run up 73 without a loss, a string marred only by a draw with Jimmy McAllister—in McAllister's home town. Seventy-three without taking his number down, chums—an all-time high. Five more than the 68 one-time bantamweight champ Jimmy Barry put together back in the bowler and bustle days of 1899—and Barry's string showed nine draws along the way.

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WILLIE could run "mud or dry," too. You saw him last winter in Florida against Cuban Humberto Sierra in a rainstorm so bad that Jack Dempsey refereed with his pants rolled up to his knees. And Willie just galloped home. And only a couple of months before the Saddler doings, he'd taken on Paddy DeMarco, a rough and tough, walk-in-and-wing walloper in Madison Square Garden, and early in the fight, Paddy butted open a cut on Willie's eye.

But the niftiest nutmeg from the nutmeg state (that's Connecticut, if your geography got caught in the swinging door) showed he could handle that style, too. As a matter of fact, you'd probably bet even-up that Wee Willie could get a draw with a buzzsaw—if the buzzsaw made the weight.

If you get the idea, therefore, that Sandy surprised the folks when he walked out of his corner tossing bombs, set a left-handed one off on Willie's whiskers with the first punch he let go, and then chewed Pep up and digested him thoroughly, you have only a vague impression of the merry-go-round the boys and girls were riding.

Garden promoter Harry Markson, who must wear the same size shoes as Mike Jacobs—because he fills Mike's brogans just right—already has written in February 11 for the return tea-party, with Saddler convinced he can make it stick, and Willie just as sure he'll be "doin' what comes naturally"—for Pep—on the second shot at the brass ring.

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MEANTIME, though, the chief topic of conversation just now isn't discussing what you can change Aunt Emma's Xmas-gift necktie for, as much as it is just "wha hoppen" to Willie? If each of the possible reasons that have been offered was a bread crumb, you'd have enough to bread veal cutlets for a family of six. These, however, are the ones coming in for the most hollering (with no listing in any pre-arranged order, alphabetical, numerical or biological):

The advance rumors that the fight was a "dipsy," that Willie was going "in the satchel," as they say in the 49th street set.

The strain those rumors created on Pep.

The possibility that Willie is all washed up, like Junior's face and ears when company comes.

The possibility that the airplane crash in which Willie smashed his back a couple of years ago is just now catching up to him.

Just an off-night for Pep.

And the one that maybe the only thing that happened to Willie was Saddler—and that maybe Sandy has a lot more of the answers to the quiz show than the folks figured.

As for the "satchel" angle, rumors of a "fix" can be heard any time there's a big fight on tap. As a matter of fact, they just prove it is a big production. Suffice it to say, Willie still was a large favorite, at something like *(Continued on page 32)*

COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HERE are the results of Cuban boxing:
Havana (Sports Palace)—Abd Ben Buker, Morocco, 146¾, and Gene Burton, American Negro, 144½, fought a sizzling ten-round draw before a capacity house.
Diego Sosa, 129¼, easily outpointed Lino Garcia, 127, in the ten-round semi-final. Sosa got the unanimous verdict.

Basilio Garcia, 128, T.K.O.'ed Gus Ramos, 128, in the sixth. Vic Suarez, 146½, drew with Francisco Cifuentes, 150½, in six; while Francisco Tosar, outmauled Raoul Hernandez, 103¾, in the curtain-raiser. Tosar weighed in at 100¾.
Santi-Spiritus—Orlando Cepeda, 146, scored several knockdowns before finally stopping Manie Vinent, 149½, in the third. Cepeda has scored several consecutive K.O.'s and bears watching.
Havana (Sports Palace)—Cuba's bantamweight champion, undefeated Luis Galvani, 118½, was held to a draw by Leo LeBron, 117¾, in ten rounds. Galvani completely neglected his training for this bout as he did not consider LeBron a worthy opponent, but the invader almost turned the tide and made Galvani look terrible at times.
Fighting for the eleventh time this year, Cuba's new featherweight champion, Ciro Moracen, 126, continued his excellent work, easily beating Armando LaBarrere, 126¾, in ten rounds.
In the first star-bout, that also went the ten-round distance, Roberto Pozos, 137, easily whipped Tito Soria, 137¼, Argentina. Pozos clinched the unanimous verdict. He floored the Argentinian for an eight-count in the seventh.
In the curtain-raiser, Mario Rivero, 116¼, defeated Miguel Cairo, 116, in six speedy rounds. Cairo lost a couple of rounds for low hitting, and that cost him the verdict.

Facts and Rumors—Omelio Agramonte really beat Carlos (Zurdo del Higuamo) Perez in Ciudad Trujillo, though he didn't get the decision. . . . When Perez was out on the floor fans attacked Agramonte and one of them with a knife. . . . Abd Ben Buker has received an offer to fight Frankie Fernandez in Hawaii.
Cuba's best fighters of the year are: Weight order—Gavilan Kid, Miguel Acevedo, Luis Galvani, Ciro Moracen, Luis Fuentes and Black Pico.
Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year for every one.

RINGSIDE IN THE ANTHRACITE
By WALT CHAPMAN

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—Rocky Castellani, 158¼, returned to the Kingston Armory to earn a unanimous 10-round decision over Sonny Horne, 159½, before a hometown crowd of 6,000. The bout was promoted by the Wilkes-Barre A. C.
From the initial bell Castellani gave an impressive showing of footwork and boxing skill. His left jab was particularly effective combined with straight rights and left hooks.
While it can be said that Rocky's margin of victory was comfortable, he didn't win going away. Horne started slow but seemed to get stronger as the fight progressed, holding his own and perhaps even edging Castellani in the fourth, seventh and eighth heats.
Rocky, however, sat Horne on the bottom rope in the sixth and on several other occasions seemed to have him in trouble but Sonny's effective covering coupled with Castellani missing due to his excitement or over-anxiety aided Horne in weathering the rough spots.

In the scheduled eight round semi-windup Jimmy King TKO'ed the oft-defeated Baby Simms in the fourth.
The only bout on the card that didn't involve middleweights pitted two heavies against each other. Tony Jess and Arty Donato locked horns for the third time. Jess got the nod on points in six to give him two out of three in their series.
Joe Taylor won a decision from Jimmy Hayden in the other six rounder.
Both four round prelims were stopped by the referee in the second round. Mike Macey stopped Jackie Finley in 2:08 of the second and Bobby Peck lost to Bobby Thomas in 2:24 of the second.

At Hazelton, Pa.—Jack Reno opened his winter promotions at Trinity Hall with a scheduled five bout card of which one was cancelled. Irv Teague of New York, who was to meet Pete Pauline of Hazleton in the semi-windup, was unable to make it.
In the eight round windup Jimmy Hooper, 172, of Brooklyn, fought a draw with Vernon Williams, 173, of Atlantic City.
Mike Macey of Hazleton scored his second victory in four days by knocking out Lee Davis of Atlantic in the final round of a four round middleweight preliminary bout.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

YOURS TRULY resigned recently as fight judge to stage a boxing match between Wilfredo Brewster of Panama and Colombia's Baby Garcia. The former, who scaled 125½ won hands down in his scrap with the 125-pound Colombian boxer. In a six-round semifinal, Federico Plummer, 123¾, scored his seventh straight win by belting out Victor Ardiones, 125¾, in the fifth frame. Federico "Killer" Plummer dropped Ardiones four times in the fifth and final canto of a slugging-bee. Vincente Werrell, 120, took a terrible lacing at the hands of Miguel Murillo, 122, in a four-rounder. Panama Beau Jack, 118, dropped a four-round duke to Malania Pacheco, 119¾.

Wilfredo Brewster, Panamanian featherweight, jabbed his way to an easy ten-round decision over Cesar Leal, who has to his credit wins over such named boxers as Simon Vergara and Sammy Medina.

Kid Zefine, 123, who at present wears Panama's 118-pound crown, outwalloped Colon's fistic sensation Kid Chocolate II, 124, in a sizzling ten-round brawl. Chocolate got off at a very good start by dumping the champ in frame two for a two count.
In a six-rounder, Ray Nelson, 116, outclassed Goyo Castaneda, 113½, in fine style. Kiddie Allen, 125, who has been tabbed by local scribes as a carbon copy of the great Sandy Saddler, won a ten-round nod from Baby Green, 123. The fans booed the verdict. Silvester Wallace, 121½, chilled Kid Fonghe, 120½, in two heats.

Tito D'Espaigne, 145¼, uncrowned welterweight champion of Panama, sprung a big surprise on the fistic world by defeating Cuba's welterweight champion, Baby Coullimber, 145¼, in ten stanzas. Tito jabbed and hooked his rugged rival to the distinct delight of his admirers.
Kiddie Allen, 124½, turned out to be a two-time winner over Baby Green, 123, by out-punching him in six frames. The fans also booed the verdict as they did the first time.
Lupe Pancho, 122½, two-fisted Windy City mauler, flattened Alonso Chase, 119½, in two cantos. Daniel Martinez, 106½, took a four-rounder away from Manuel Moreno, 113¼.

Young Finnegan, outstanding welterweight and lightweight, battling around Latin America, bounced back after an upset at the hands of Sonny Tanner by clipping Cuba's Young Terry in less than one frame. A beautiful right to the chin was all Finnegan needed to rock the Cuban baby to bed. Finnegan, who scaled 136 pounds for his recent slugfest with Sonny Tanner, came in at 144 for his bout with Terry. Ray Nelson dropped a six-round nod to Sam Langford II.

Tito D'Espaigne, 144, gave away ten pounds to Cuba's Santiago Sosa only to clip the washed up Cuban fighter in seven heats. Undoubtedly Sosa is suffering from what we call "fighter's tango." In a six-stanzas semi-final go, Stanley McKay hit the comeback highway with a decision over Willie Pep II.

Cesar Leal, former bantamweight champion, scored a ten-round win over Al Richardson, better known as "El Tigre."

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

RESULTS of fights during November were as follows, all having taken place at the Coliseo Arena:
Halcon Tabasqueno, 118, drew with Babe Zaragoza, 115, in ten. Felipe Rodriguez, 134, knocked out Jorge Cid, 136, in four.

Memo Valero, 123, Mexico's bantamweight king, decisioned Jose Cardenas, 125, in ten. The fight was not for the belt. Babe Nevarez, 133, decisioned Raul Bustamante, 136, in ten.

Raul Esqueda, 134, decisioned Julio Cesar Jimenez, 136, in ten. Bernardo Ramirez, 134, decisioned Chalio Duran, 135, in ten.

Enrique Cardoso, 135, decisioned Al Zamora, 135, in ten. Rafael Adad, 128, decisioned Casanovita Pacheco, 133, in ten.

Cargador Aguilar, 140, decisioned Kid Filipino, 140, in ten. Tony Vazquez, 120, knocked out Luis Reyes, 120, in three.

Pelon Cabrera, 141, knocked out Chico Escamilla, 138, in seven. Gabi Macias, 119, decisioned Fili Nava, 117, in ten.

Luis Castillo, 119, decisioned Cachorro Herrera, 122, in ten. Halcon Tabasqueno, 119, decisioned Babe Zaragoza, 115, in ten.

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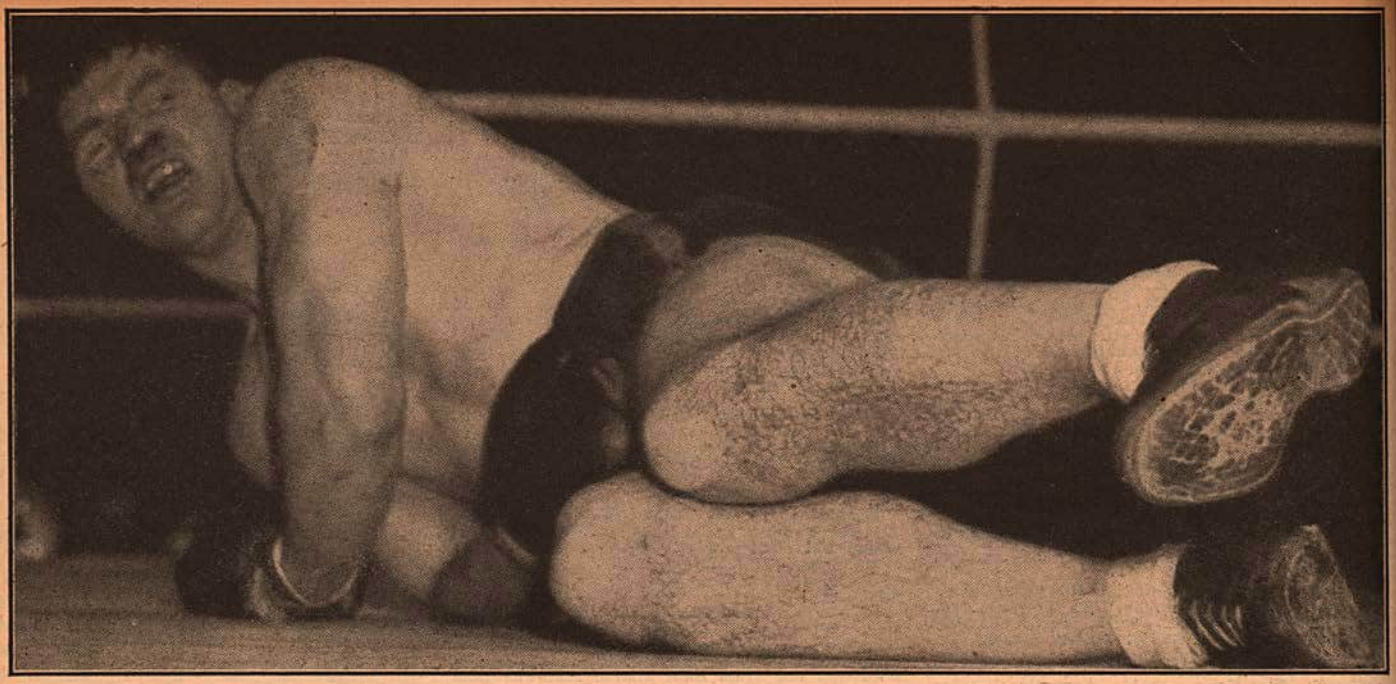

Apparently grimacing with pain, Bruce Woodcock rests on his side after Lee Savold puts him to the canvas in the fourth round of their bout at the Harringay Arena, a contest in which Savold was disqualified for fouling.

Baksi Victim of Charles' Clouts

By JERSEY JONES

IF Joe Louis intends to remain in business, he'd better arrange to extend his current exhibition tour indefinitely.

So far as actual competition is concerned, the outlook confronting Shufflin' Joe is a discouraging one, indeed.

The meeting of Ezzard Charles and Joe Baksi in Madison Square Garden was supposed to determine an opponent for Louis in a heavyweight title match in New York's Yankee Stadium next June.

What it did determine was that (a) Baksi can be definitely eliminated from further consideration, and (b) Charles isn't big enough or strong enough for Louis.

Ezzard himself apparently nurses no illusions on this count. When asked in his dressing room, after the bout, what he thought of a Louis match, he replied: "My goodness, not yet."

Charles whipped Baksi, decisively. Though outweighed 32½ pounds—he scaled 178 to Kulpmont Joe's 210½—Ezzie was too fast, too clever and too accurate a puncher for the rugged but slow and plodding Pennsylvanian. His jolting lefts and vicious rights made an unholy mess of Baksi's features, and in the eleventh round, with Joe groping uncertainly around the ring, his right eye closed and his left blinded in a pool of crimson, Referee Ruby Goldstein called a halt.

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DESPITE his triumph, Charles failed to convince the customers of his qualifications for a Louis match. For one thing, Ezzie doesn't appear strong enough or rugged enough. The few times Baksi managed to lumber into close quarters with his elusive opponent, he hurt Charles with body punches. In fact, in one round, the sixth, it looked as though the rangy Cincinnatian would cave in from Joe's ponderous belts to the mid-section. But the ring-rusty Baksi failed to make the most of his momentary advantages.

Aside from one minor tuneup, it was Baksi's first fight in 17 months, and he showed the effects of his long ring absence.

Still, even at his durable but cumbersome best, it hardly is likely he would have beaten a smooth-working machine like Charles. Ezzard not only is the best light-heavyweight in the world today, but the best heavyweight as well—next to Louis.

The turnout was a keen disappointment. A near-capacity crowd of 18,000 and gate receipts of $80,000 had been predicted, but statistics revealed an attendance of 11,194 and a gross of $40,833.

In many respects, the semi-final operated along the same general lines as the main event. Like Baksi, Gene Gosney was returning to action after a lengthy layoff. He hadn't fought in seven months. Also like Baksi, the Oklahoman enjoyed a big weight advantage over his opponent, Roland LaStarza of the Bronx. Gosney tipped the scale at 211½ to LaStarza's 186. Completing the pattern, Gosney was still on his feet, but absorbing a vicious pasting, and blinded from gore that gushed out of an ugly rip over his left eye, when the referee stopped hostilities in the sixth.

Gosney raised plenty of hob with LaStarza in the early rounds, and in the fourth he dropped the Bronxite twice for nine counts. But the effort apparently was too much for him, and he ran out of gas. Realizing the Oklahoman was tiring, the usually cautious LaStarza suddenly became aggressive, handed Gosney a bad lacing in the fifth, and was continuing the assault when the affair was halted in the sixth. It was LaStarza's 28th straight win as a pro.

A fumbling six wound up in the last frame with Caesar Brion, 190½, Argentina, a kayo winner over Gene Felton, 191, Los Angeles. Felton was down twice when Referee Mark Conn called quits.

In another six, Ben Skelton, 162, Pittsburgh, was awarded an unpopular decision over Tom McKeagney, 167½, Boston. Another unpopular verdict was awarded to Tom Giorgio, 185, Garfield, N. J., over Dominick Ferro, 173, East Side, in one of two fours. The other wound up in the third with Joe Dominick, 206½, Holyoke, flattening Les Irwin, 195, Toronto.

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California Prospects

By HARRY WINKLER

Johnny Duke, middleweight from Chicago, who is now fighting out of Los Angeles.

FOR a long time, boxers of Irish blood so completely dominated the boxing game, that fight men seeking fistic talent showed little enthusiasm for ring aspirants who couldn't boast of their forefathers coming from the land of Erin. Later, however, those of other ancestry—particularly the Jews, Italians and Negroes—fought their way to the high rungs of the fistic ladder, and for a number of years, it required a search warrant to find a good pugilist who hailed from the Old Sod.

But now the sons of Erin seem to be coming back into the game again. Of a dozen or more who have made considerable progress during the past year or two, Bob Murphy, a southpaw middleweight of San Diego, stands out as one of the most promising of the lot. Murphy is a throwback to the Irish fighters of long ago in that he loves to fight. He tears in with a knockout victory the objective, and like the Navy unit in which he served—the result most always is "objective completed."

Murphy has scored 19 K.O.'s in his 26 professional bouts. He has lost but once, that a T.K.O., due to an eye cut. And his amateur career was also one of exceptional accomplishment, Bob winning 48 of the 50 contests, losing but once, with one bout declared a draw. And his having been labeled "Clouting Celt", "Mad Mick", "Irish Icer", "Hibernian Hurricane," etc., gives the reader an idea as to the Californian's punching power and aggressive milling.

Murphy was also very much in the big fight. He was aboard the U.S.S. *Lexington* when it was sunk in the battle of the Coral Sea, May 8, 1942, as well as a member of the crew on the U.S.S. *Alabama* when it was under fire from Jap aircraft for 72 hours. In all, Bob was in the Navy for six years, of which 44 months were spent overseas. He participated in 14 major engagements and came back wearing four medals.

Among the 24 victims of Murphy's professional career are such formidable boxers as Jimmy Coleman, Frank Angustain, Art Lind, Jerry Brown, Ray Dioses, Johnny Myers, Edgar Robinson and Billy King. Last year this writer rated Murphy No. 10 among the California middleweights. Today, I believe he can whip 7 of the 9 I listed above him a year ago.

A busy lightweight, Tote Martinez, Stockton's durable slugger.

With or without "the luck of the Irish", Bob Murphy is very apt to be a contender for the world's title within another year.

He is under the management of Travis Hatfield of San Diego.

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TOTE MARTINEZ

THE little city of Stockton, which has turned out more than its share of good fighters, is expecting great things of its 1948 model—Tote Martinez. Stockton's '48 product hasn't the speed of their '46 pride—Jesse Flores, or the smoothness of their '47 turnout—Johnny Miller, but the '48 job—Martinez, is the most durable to come out of Stockton in recent years.

Martinez's durability was put to the test long before he donned the gloves, Tote being one of Uncle Sam's nephews who participated in nearly every engagement from the Philippines to Japan. Liking what he saw of boxing in the Army, Martinez entered the sport when he returned home. In one year of amateur competition, Tote engaged in 37 contests and won the Diamond Belt (Pacific Coast) lightweight championship.

He has won 15 of his 16 professional starts, one bout ending in a draw. Best known of his victims are Tony Chavez, Nat Huskey and Lem Thomas. Martinez punches solidly, is tough as leather and a real club-fighter, being one of those crowd-pleasers who keeps pitching and never takes a backward step.

Martinez is of Mexican parentage. He was born at Stockton on December 19, 1924, and is managed by the well-liked Sid Flaherty of San Francisco.

Irish Bob Murphy, southpaw middleweight from San Diego.

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JOHNNY DUKE

AMONG the many good Negro fighters making Los Angeles their center of operations, is Johnny Duke, a middleweight of Chicago, via Seattle. Duke has come along fast in the past year and although he has engaged in only 18 contests, Manager Joe Kelly believes that his boy is ready for any of them and will pit Johnny against any 160-pounder in the country.

Duke, born in Chicago on August 18, 1927, donned the gloves for the first time at the Savoy A. C., early in '45, at the age of 17. Johnny engaged in 20 amateur bouts, winning all of them. He entered professional ranks at Seattle in late '46. He came down to Los Angeles a year ago and has lost but one of his ten starts in this sunny clime.

A 20-year-old boxer with only 18 contests under his belt shouldn't be able to scare the middleweights of established reputation, but it is surprising how deaf they can be to Manager Kelly's challenges—and Joe is no soft-spoken individual either. Could it be that Duke's defeats of Dick Wagner, Pedro Jiminez, Emory Jackson, Johnny Myers, Art Hardy and such formidable opponents, might be the reason? Could be!

Duke is a good boxer, punches hard, is rugged, game and tough. And those are the only qualifications necessary for an ambitious fighter to have, to get him in the money. So we may be hearing of Johnny Duke despite his recent kayo in seven rounds at the hands of J. T. Ross in Hollywood. He is trained by Dudy Rosenberg.

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Tommy Burns Tells Inside on McCarty

Former Champion Calls for Setting the Record Straight on Luther's Death in Ring Against Pelkey — Twelve Fatalities Recorded in 1948

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

Tommy Burns as he looked when in his prime. He gained the world heavyweight title by defeating every claimant from every country in which boxing was staged.

RECENTLY I wrote about the fatal fight in which Luther McCarty, who might have gone on to become one of our greatest heavyweights, was killed at Calgary, on May 24, 1913.

McCarty squared off against Arthur Pelkey, not too formidable although a big enough antagonist. A few passes of the gloves and Luther dropped to the canvas. Soon he was dead.

The subject of the McCarty fatality, and ring mishaps in general, has been reopened by Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion, who is very much alive and kicking in Coalinga, California.

Burns insists that McCarty was not killed by a blow. He says Luther never was struck. Here is Tommy's interesting letter to THE RING:

"I am in Fresno, as my wife, who is a member of the State Civil Service Commission of California, has some business here for the day. I bought myself a copy of THE RING Magazine, as I always do whenever I am where it is available, and read with great sadness about the passing of my pal, Billy McCarney.

"How well I know how Billy felt the morning after McCarty had died in the Calgary ring against Pelkey. I was there.

"McCarty was supposed to have been killed by a blow. Well, Luther never was hit by Pelkey.

"Pelkey sent out two left jabs, and missed. Then McCarty shot four punches, lefts and rights, but did not land.

"They went into a clinch for a few seconds. McCarty stepped back, and went down very slowly. The coroner's verdict was that McCarty had died of a broken neck. He had been suffering from a decayed vertebra, and this pressed against a blood vessel. He had died of internal bleeding.

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"IT is important that this official decision of the coroner in Calgary be incorporated into boxing history, and that the death of McCarty be removed from the list of ring fatalities caused by punishment, or even accident," Burns continues.

"It is a case of a man dying in a fight in which he never was hit. I do not believe that there is another like it in boxing history.

"I had a talk with McCarty that morning of the fight. He turned toward me and could not pivot his head. He had to move his entire body.

"I asked Luther what was wrong and he replied, 'Tommy, I was sleeping near an open window last night and got a stiff neck. It is nothing serious.'

"Well, poor Luther didn't realize how serious it was. McCarney loved the big kid and Luther's death really broke him up. Aside from that, McCarty was a fine looking heavyweight and would have made a fortune for Billy and himself.

"I thought a great deal of Luther and his death hit me rather hard. However that's the way of life.

"As for myself, I am living the laws of life, well and happy, with the best woman on Earth. She shares my views.

"Nat, I am not teaching a religion, as some have written I am. We can live as long as we wish, without pains or aches, and then, when we have had enough of life, we pass into the ocean of life, from whence we came.

"I am 67 years of age and feel younger than I did 30 years ago. Only now am I beginning to live. However, what I want you to do in THE RING Magazine is to set boxing history straight, and stop listing McCarty's death as a ring fatality. He would have died had he remained in bed."

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THE Burns version of the McCarty affair—and he is backed up by the official verdict of the coroner, following an autopsy—reminds me of the discussion which followed the death of Ernie Schaaf, heavyweight contender, in February 1933.

After having suffered a severe attack of the flu, Schaaf met Primo Carnera in New York on February 10. Carnera knocked him out in the thirteenth round. A few days later, Schaaf was dead.

It developed that the flu had done things to Ernie's brain. At least, that was the official explanation, which came with the exoneration of Carnera.

However, it did not add up quite so simply to students of boxing. On August 31, 1932, Schaaf fought a hard ten rounder with Maxie Baer in Chicago.

It is likely that Ernie got hurt badly in that fight. In his next encounter, with Unknown Winston in Boston on December 12, Schaaf was whipped in a ten round scrap. Ernie should have taken Winston easily.

Schaaf recovered from this upset and knocked out Winston and Stan Poreda, each in six rounds, before tackling Da Prime.

Big Carnera was too much for Schaaf physically and belted him out in convincing style.

The question arose,—Did Schaaf die of injuries tracing back to the fight with Baer? Did he die of over-exertion after a sapping attack of the flu? Did he die of head injuries suffered in the fight with Carnera? Or did Schaaf succumb to the accumulated effects of all these factors?

THERE was no question about the reasons for the death of Frankie Campbell after his fifth round knockout by Baer, on August 25, 1930, in San Francisco.

Frankie, brother of Dolph Camilli, the major league first baseman, was rated a pretty good heavyweight. However, Baer, then listed as a mankiller, a role that was belted out of him later on, especially by Joe Louis, gave Campbell an unmerciful beating and after the fight, Campbell died.

Those of us who saw Baer knock out Carnera in the eleventh heat in New York on June 14, 1934, are convinced that but for the quick action of Referee Arthur Donovan, the Italian Behemoth might have been killed. Maxie had the look of the killer that night. He was in perhaps the greatest form of his career. Conditioned, with a big target in front of him, and how he laced it into Primo!

That victory made Baer the champion. How different he looked the night Jim Braddock outpointed him in New York, only one year later!

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WHILE on the subject of heavyweight fatalities, I am reminded of the death, in 1924, of Billy Miske, from Bright's disease.

There is little doubt that Miske was suffering from kidney trouble as far back as 1920, when he was knocked out by Jack Dempsey in the third heat at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Dempsey did not hurt Miske too much, and that fight could not have had much to do with Billy's physical disintegration.

The heavyweight class came quite close to a fatality on the night of June 22, 1938.

Max Schmeling met Joe Louis in New York that night. The German had knocked out Joe in the twelfth on June 19, 1936. Max felt that he could call the shots against Louis with consistency.

However, Joe went after Schmeling at the opening gong in their second encounter, and gave Max one of the most harrowing and unmerciful thrashings in the history of the division.

If Schmeling had not been in such marvelous condition, he would have had much too close a call.

Even in perfect shape, Max came within an ace of being counted out for good. He had to be rushed to the hospital. Had he taken that punishment for another round, the Uhlan would not have had a chance to serve Adolf in the war.

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TWO great fighters died while still in their physical prime, from mishaps.

On October 15, 1910, Stanley Ketchel, on his farm at Conway, Mo., was shot and killed by a drug crazed hand named Walter Dipley.

Just what happened that day, exactly what led up to the fatality, never has been determined. But the coroner found Ketchel as dead as one of Dickens' door nails, and so ended an amazing career.

None of us who knew him ever will forget gentlemanly Young Stribling, who fought them all in his long career, yet was only 29, still very much full of fight, when on October 2, 1933, he was killed in Atlanta, Ga., in a motorcycle smashup. Young was inordinately fond of riding those contraptions.

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THERE is no doubt that a boxer whose opponent dies in the ring is affected, more or less, by the experience. There was one little fellow, Jimmy Barry, bantamweight champion, who went to pieces as a result of a boxing fatality.

Barry met Walter Croot in London, at the National Sporting Club, on December 6, 1897, for the bantamweight championship of the world. Barry had established his right to recognition as George Dixon's successor in the United States and Croot was British title holder.

Barry gave Croot a terrific thrashing *(Continued on page 50)*

What Happened to Willie Pep?

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2 to 5, when he climbed into the ring, which doesn't sound as if the script was written in advance.

And he took a lot more clouting around and beating up than he'd have had to take before the curtain came down in the fourth heat, if there was any intention to try the high dive without water. He absorbed so many of Sandy's punches he probably tasted them. Willie is not the type to engage in a blarney. Every fight he has had, has been fought on the level, including the Saddler mill.

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IT could be, of course, that Willie, like the man who hocked his watch, just hasn't got it any more, that he may have been losing his speed and sharpness and fancy defensive stuff for some time, but his mere class as a workman hid it from sight. After all, he's made 137 trips to the post in what amounts to seven years. Actually, he's been a pro since 1940—which would be nine years—but he didn't start until July that year, and then take ten months off for his Navy hitch during the war and six more for finding out that an airplane doesn't bounce, and that slices it to seven years, give or take a few week ends in the country. Seven years and 137 fights would make it about one every 19 days, year in and year out. And it is an established fact, or so we've heard, that there comes a time when even the most agreeable bucket decides it's been carried to the well once too often and goes on a sit-down strike.

As a matter of fact, there might have been a tip-off on just this possibility only a couple of months before the Saddler shindig when Pep had a tough time beating "Red Top" Davis, who shaped up as an ordinary opponent before the fight, yet gave Willie his hardest scrap. A few weeks later Pep easily won from Davis in a return bout.

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MAN to man, the story of "what hoppened" is Wee Willie's insistence that "I had a bad night" against Sandy's "I can beat him any night." In that event, one of them is going to be sitting there giving the folks the old "I told you so," come the night of February 11.

Certainly Pep had a bad night the last time. He couldn't have had a worse one if he'd lost his railroad ticket back to Hartford. He was no more like the stylish swatter who took the title from Chalky Wright, turned back the bids of good journeymen jolters like Sal Bartolo and Phil Terranova and raised lumps on such lightweights as Allie Stolz and Willie Joyce than hash is like filet mignon—even if you can afford it.

On the other hand, Saddler tried to get a title shot with the wee one for two years, and Willie avoided him as if he was the landlord and it was the first of the month. There'd be no particular reason for that if Pep figured Sandy was just another guy named Joe. Which, incidentally, he is, the "Sandy" being a tag pinned on him somewhere along the road.

Anyway, Sandy just beat up and down the bushes, taking on the best of them in Cuba and Hawaii and Panama and Venezuela and way stations, figuring he'd eventually have to get the call. Even at that, he had to guarantee Willie practically everything but his own subway fare back to Harlem before he got the green light and won the crown.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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A FEW weeks ago the New York newspapers carried a small obituary notice listing the death of Matty Matthews on Saturday, December 4, at the Shore Road Hospital of Brooklyn. The notice carried a line to the effect that Matty was once welterweight champion of the world.

Thus passed out of the world, practically unrecognized for his deeds as a pugilist many years ago, one of the greatest fighters of his division in his era or up to the present time. Three years ago, when Matty Matthews was found living in a vacant store either owned or rented by Vito Marcantonio's political organization, a refuge he found during the period when Marcantonio and his cohorts were seeking as many votes as was possible by temporarily housing unfortunates, THE RING Editor and Dan Parker of the New York *Mirror* went to the relief of Matthews only to learn that he had a sufficient bank account to enable him to care for himself for the rest of his days. Unfortunately, however, he was ill, hence he went to a sanitarium where he received proper medical attention and it was in that institution that he passed away.

Matty was born in New York City on July 13, 1873, of Irish-American parentage. He started fighting in 1894 and quit the ring in 1904. It was on October 16, 1900, that he outpointed Rube Ferns at Detroit in 15 rounds to win the world welterweight crown. In a return engagement on May 14 in Toronto, Canada, Ferns knocked out Matthews in the tenth round.

After his retirement he worked in many odd jobs. At one time he rode a diving horse into a tank at the New York Hippodrome. Later he worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard and after he quit that job, he joined the Theatrical Scenery Union and worked in various Broadway theaters shifting scenery.

It was back in 1898 that both he and Mysterious Billy Smith laid claim to the world championship after the retirement of Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy but since Smith had held the crown previously, he was generally recognized. Then Smith lost in 20 rounds to Ferns and Ferns in turn lost to Matthews.

Matty was a tough fellow in the ring. Like Tom Sharkey, he also was a sporty chap who loved diamonds and often wore several. Later, when the going was not so good, unlike most pugilists of his day, he didn't mind hard work and overalls. He was exceedingly proud and because of his pride, he often lived by himself in fear of having friends feel that he required help. He saved his money and even when he became hospitalized, he had a sufficient sum in the bank to care for his needs. He was temperate in his habits.

One of his greatest ring battles was with Kid McPartland, their second meeting at the Broadway Athletic Club of New York City, a battle long remembered by fistic enthusiasts of that era. Of this contest and several others of Matty Matthews' great ring encounters, we shall write more in a subsequent issue. Space prevents doing justice in this number of THE RING to this marvelous welterweight of bygone days.

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BILLY CONN is in earnest about his comeback. The former king of the light-heavyweights, who twice had a chance at Joe Louis's heavyweight crown, is determined to prove that he still rates among the top men in the division over which the Brown Bomber reigns, and to gain his objective a third engagement with Louis—after two years of retirement, Billy is building up a string of victories via the setup type. In the past it has been demonstrated that such contests against ordinary talent, do more harm than good. Jack Sharkey tried it after his kayo at the hands of Joe Louis and failed. Freddie Cochrane built up a knockout record against mediocre performers when he got out of the Navy, but he went the way of Sharkey when he faced real opposition.

There is only one way to test one's fighting ability—meeting rough and tough opponents.

If Conn can get into good fighting condition, he should be able to hold his own against the type of heavyweights now listed as championship contenders. But his long layoff has taken its toll and I doubt, no matter how hard he trains, that he will be able to overcome what he lost during that period of inactivity when he enjoyed the full fruits of life as befits a retired individual with plenty of money at his command.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

By JOE FRENCH

PROMOTER Bill McNulty started off the fistic month in Louisville by presenting a pair of twin ten-rounders at the County Armory. In the first ten, Jimmy Robinson, Louisville Negro belter and holder of the state lightweight title, gained a nine-round K.O. over Lem Smith, a new face in this section, from Asheville, N. C. In the second ten, Willie Johnson, Louisville middleweight, battled to a heated draw with Southpaw Joe Green of Asheville, N. C.

After three months on the shelf, Sid Peaks, the top heavyweight in this district, returned to action in the headliner of Bill McNulty's second show of the month. Weighing 215½, Big Sid showed his old punching power by belting out Beau Brown, Cincinnati heavyweight, in the first frame of a scheduled ten.

Willie Johnson, Louisville Negro middleweight, who is coming to the front as a good local prospect, knocked out Tom Kilpatrick, of Asheville, N. C., in two rounds.

Don Keeling of Asheville, N. C., won a six-round nod over Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati Negro lightweight, while his brother, Bob Keeling, dropped the duke to Gene Parker, sharp-looking lightweight from Indianapolis. In the opener, Chicken Gaines, from Cincinnati, stopped John Oliver, local light-heavy.

Things are perking up in Louisville. Besides lightweight Jimmy Robinson and heavyweight Sid Peaks, who are already established main eventers here, several other boys are battling their way up and attracting attention. Willie Johnson, Louisville Negro middleweight, has graduated to the ten-round class and has become very popular with his pleasing style of milling. Not to be overlooked is Doug Medley, hard-hitting young local lightweight who has made a good record for himself in preliminary bouts and will soon be ripe for higher billing. Medley is a puncher.

Information on boxing matters in this section may be secured by sending return postage with your inquiry to Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana. News for this column should reach me by the first of each month.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

CHICAGO STADIUM—Joe Maxim, Cleveland's heavyweight star, defeated a light-heavyweight contender, Bob Satterfield, of Chicago, in the ten-round headliner. Maxim, at the end of eight rounds had a commanding lead.

Aging Roscoe Toles, 198, stopped "Big Boy" Brown, 220-pound Detroiter, in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

Clinton Bacon, Chicago's promising light-heavyweight prospect, lost to the tough Al Johnson, of Indianapolis, Indiana, in an eight-rounder. Bacon replaced Billy Fox, who ran out on the match.

And in the two six-round tiffs, Terry Wagner, Milwaukee light-heavyweight, edged out Ernie Doyle, Chicago, in a spirited contest, and Lee Campione, Chicago, Mexican, won over Virgil Strauss, of Hammond, Indiana.

Marigold Gardens: Levi Southall, Kansas City, middleweight, pulled the fight out of the fire in his affair with pleasing Eddie O'Neill, Detroit, Mich., 153-pounder, who was winning on points, when a lethal right hand crack at the hands of Levi, dropped O'Neill in the ninth and a repeater doomed Eddie for keeps, in round ten.

George Sherman, Chicago welterweight, surprised the "wise guys" (experts), and took down the six-round laurels over John (Twin) La Broi, of Gary, Ind., whose hard-punching and ruggedness was offset by Sherman's fistic sharpness.

Gerald (Twin) La Broi, lightweight, won over game Ronald Cannon, of Chicago, in five busy rounds.

Pedro Bradley, Cleveland, 180-pounder, gained his most noteworthy victory to date, with a clean-cut win over swashbuckling Hubert Hood, 203-pound, squatty Chicagoan, in a bruising five-rounder.

Bunny Berrigan, 130, of Milwaukee and Baby Tampico, 130, fought a four-round draw.

Anton Raadik, Estonian, now of Chicago, received the shock of his fistic career, when he was blasted out of the picture by an old experienced hand in the art of belting, Ralph Zannelli, who did the trick in five rounds. This takes Anton out of the middleweight picture.

Marigold Gardens: Harold "Baby Face" Jones, Detroit, lightweight, had easy pickin's with Rudy Zadell, of Pittsburgh, who fought gamely, but proved to be nothing more than a good catcher for the southpaw slants of Jones, who won unanimously at the end of ten rounds.

Ernie Doyle, Michigan City, 165-pounder, was awarded a technical knockout victory over Robert Childress, of Chicago, in four rounds of their slated five-round episode.

Frankie Klobucar, Hammond, light-heavyweight, received a gift win over James Arnold in this manner—Frankie was winning on points as of the second round, when Arnold bashed Klobucar with a series of head punches, which ended with a terrific belt to the solar plexus. As the Hoosier boy crumpled to a sagging position, Arnold hit him an extra blow, that was unnecessary, thus being disqualified.

Russell Truner, Chicago, 149-pounder, outpointed Jimmy Ainscough, of Akron, O., in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Enrico Bertola, European heavyweight now residing in Chicago, beat Tony Bosnich at San Francisco, Cal., in a ten-round mill.

Marigold Gardens: Freddie Dawson, Chicago's leading lightweight and welterweight contender, had no trouble in stopping Terry Gibson, Chicago. Davey Miller intervened in the seventh round and stopped the bout.

Ernie Doyle, Michigan City, middleweight, had his hands full with Paul Terry. It was a punchfest and ended in a draw.

George Sherman, South Side welter, had Rudy Barrett on the deck, but not for keeps, yet he punched often enough to offset Barrett's determined efforts, for a five-round victory.

James Arnold, Chicago, light-heavyweight, beat Willie Covington, formerly of the West Coast, in a five-round mill.

In the opener, Gene Thomas, a newcomer hereabouts, pulled a surprise by stopping Russell Truner, in the opening frame.

Johnny Bratton is back in stride. Held to a draw by Bobby Lee, in a ten-round battle at Philadelphia, Pa., four days later, Bratton trekked down to New Orleans, La., and rang up a four-round kayo over Joey Brown.

Another Chicago topnotcher scored in Philadelphia, when Freddie Dawson pounded out a triumph over Bee Bee Wright, in ten rounds.

Marigold Gardens: Tim Dalton and Eddie Lander clashed in the first natural local headliner in a club fight in ages. They fought before a packed house with Tim edging out a points decision in eight rounds.

Lou King, 164, Chicago's collegiate puncher, was sensational against Roy Callender, 175, who was beaten badly. The bout was stopped in the second frame to save Callender needless punishment.

John (Twin) La Broi, Gary, 142-pounder, scored a four-round knockout over Pat Bradley, of Detroit, Mich.

Twin brother Gerald had a tough time with Danny Womberg, who was held to a draw.

Dave Coleman, Chicago, welterweight, scored a three-round knockout over Rick LeLand, of Gary, Ind.

For promoters interested in Gene Engel's fighters—Clinton Bacon, 170; Lou King, 160, and Stan Hartman, 126-30—write or wire me at 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. Phone Midway 3-5826.

Joe Louis administered a neat but none too impressive boxing lesson to Pittsburgh's Billy Conn in their six-round exhibition in the International Amphitheater. Before a disappointing gathering of 6,517 fans, who paid a net of $23,054, Louis received $7,492.44 as his share. Louis, world's heavyweight champion, received a 6-to-2 newspaper decision. One of the eight ballots cast in a newspaper writers' decision favored Conn, while another was for a draw.

Louis did not get warmed up to his task until the third round, when he opened up for the first time. He began spearing Conn with left jabs and hooks and connected solidly with a hard left to the body.

Here is the balance of the card:

Mike Buha, St. Louis, Mo., 187-pounder, had no trouble subduing one Juan Hernandez of Mexico, who weighed 182 pounds, winning out in less than a round. Buha nary had a hair on his head misplaced in this one, of a slated six-round go.

Orland Ott, Des Moines, Iowa, 6 foot 4 inch 204-pound heavyweight, gained a three-round technical knockout victory over Pedro Bradley, Cleveland, Ohio, 182-pounder, who was disappointing in this bout. He has done better. This bout was also tabbed for six rounds.

And in the four-round episodes, Don Lupo, Chicago, 140½-pounder, won impressively over a fellow Chicagoan, Herman Mills. Cliff Fossman, after suffering two knockdowns in the first frame, came back and halved the match with Robert Childress, also a fellow Chicagoan. A draw verdict was the final analysis.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS FOR 1948
By CHARLEY PARISH

Heavyweights—Olle Tandberg, Jo Weidin, Stef Olek, Hein ten Hoff, Carl Nielsen, Enrico Bertola, Gino Buonvino, Nisse Andersson, Piet Wilde, Paco Bueno.

Cruiserweights—Lucien Corenthin, Albert Yvel, Pol Goffaux, Paco Bueno, Giorgio Milan, Aage Christensen, Momi Giusto, Alfredo Oldoini, Gerrit Lefebre, Jim Graser.

Middleweights—Marcel Cerdan, Cyrille Delannoit, Tiberio Mitri, Jean Stock, Laurent Dauthuille, Luc van Dam, Lucien Krawczyk, Anton Raadik, Robert Charron, Billy Poli.

Welterweights—Robert Villemain, Livio Minelli, Jean Walzach, Giel de Roode, Yrjoe Piitulainen, Jan de Bruin, Claude Ritter, Omar Kouidri, Luigi Valentini, Pino Facchi.

Lightweights — Pierre Montane, Josef Preys, Andre Famechon, Jean Mougin, Kid Dussart, Hirsch Demsitz, Gianluigi Uboldi, Sadok Bahri, Andre Gonnet, Franck Hermal.

Featherweights—Ray Famechon, Jean Machterlinck, Elis Ask, Enzo Corregioli, Gus Laurent, Danilo Pasotti, Gino Bondavalli, Arturo Paoletti, Andre Benatar, Arnold Lagrand.

Bantamweights—Guido Ferracin—Luis Romero, Georges Mousse, Theo Medina, Jo Cornelis, Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Luis Fernandez, Caliostro Etter, Luis de Santiago, Timo Cardinale.

Flyweights—Maurice Sandeyron, Louis Skena, Honore Pratesi, Emile Famechon, Guido Nardecchia, Raoul Degryse, Amadeo Deianna, Nazzareno Gianelli, Testillanos Tijani.

NEW ZEALAND RATINGS FOR 1948
By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

Heavyweights—Champion: Don Mullett, Jackie Marr, Tommy Downes, Martin Weir, Colin Honey.

Light-heavyweights — Champion: Doug. Rollinson, Jackie Marr, Roy Stevens, Tommy Downes, Darcy Hoffman, Barney Clarke.

Middleweights—Champion: Roy Stevens, Danny O'Keeffe, Harry Hanson, Noel Dornan, Frank Endicott, Scotty McLeod.

Welterweights — Champion: Ian Cruikshank, Clarrie Gordon, Paddy Slavin, Ian Dickison, Noel Fitzwater, Neil Stanley.

Lightweights — Champion: Percy Kelly, Syd Stevens, Billy Brown, Sonny Black, Peter Graham, Vern Toohey.

Featherweights — Championship vacant, Lyn Philp, Ronnie Hawes, Tot Hoggarth.

Bantamweights—Champion: Lyn Philp, Tot Hoggarth.

Flyweights—None active.

Best Prospects—Barney Clarke (light-heavy), and Ian Dickison (welter).

AUSTRALIAN RATINGS FOR 1948
By R. S. BELLINGER

Heavyweights—Title claimed by Dave Sands. None worth rating.

Light-heavyweights — Champion: Dave Sands, Jack Marr, Jack Twist, Doug. Brown, George Allen.

Middleweights—Champion: Dave Sands, Fred Riddell, Ray Dunn, Rex Murphy, Joe Upton.

Welterweights — Champion: Tommy Burns, Mickey Tollis, Laurie Petersen, Jack Daniels, Kev. Delaney.

Lightweights—Title vacant, Frank Flannery, Archie Kemp, Norm Gent, Roy Treasure, Jack Hassen.

Featherweights—Champion: Eddie Miller, Bernie Grant, Cliff Jones, Nipper O'Brien, Dave Landers.

Bantamweights—Champion: Elley Bennett, Rod Parsons, Billy Herbert, Laurie Budd, Art Jacobsen.

Flyweights — Champion: Mickey Hill, Taffy Hancock, Jimmy Hogg, Ron Wilson, Rod Cutter.

BRITISH RATINGS FOR 1948
By EDDIE BORDEN

Heavyweights — Champion: Bruce Woodcock, Freddie Mills, Ken Shaw, Reg. Andrews, Frank Ronan, Gerry McDermott, Jack London (inactive), Alf Brown (inactive), Johnny Barton, Tom Reddington.

Light-heavyweights—Champion: Freddie Mills, Johnny Williams, Don Cockell, Al Marson, Ginger Sadd, Reg Spring, Jock Taylor, Lloyd Barnett, Bert Gilroy (inactive), Dave Goodwin.

Middleweights—Champion: Dick Turpin, Albert Finch, Vince Hawkins, Randolph Turpin, Mark Hart, Jimmy Davis, Alex Buxton, Bert Sanders, Alby Hollister, Joe Hyman.

Welterweights—Champion: Henry Hall, Eddie Thomas, Ernie Roderick, Stan Hawthorne, Gwyn Williams, Eric Boon, Tommy Armour, Willie Whyte, Ric Sanders, Ginger Stewart.

Lightweights—Champion: Billy Thompson, Cliff Curvis, Peter Fallon, Hal Bagwell, Tommy Barnham, Tommy McGovern, Harry Hughes, Bert Hornby, George Daly, Tommy Barton.

Featherweights — Champion: Ronnie Clayton, Johnny Molloy, Eddie Miller, Cliff Anderson, Al Phillips, Tony Lombard, Tommy Burns, Frank Kelly, Bert Jackson, Frank Kenny.

Bantamweights — Champion: Jackie Paterson, Stan Rowan, Danny O'Sullivan, Peter Kane, Teddy Gardner, Ronnie Draper, Gus Foran, Bunty Doran, Jimmy Webster, Norman Lewis.

Flyweights—Champion: Rinty Monaghan, Dickie O'Sullivan, Jackie Bryce, Charlie Squire, Terry Allen, Norman Tennant, Les Johnson, Jackie Briers, Charlie Wilson, Peter Keenan.

Important Notice
Due to the scarcity of space in this issue, several reports from boxing centers usually covered, were eliminated. Such news items will appear regularly in subsequent issues.

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NEWS of the MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

THE big news of the month was the appointment of Ed "Strangler" Lewis as Mat Czar. At a press conference held in a New York Hotel, the leading wrestling promoters of the nation agreed that the old Strangler was the man to straighten out the messy situation now existing in the sport. In addition to the $25,000 per year salary Lewis also is the owner of the impressive title "Chairman of the Wrestling Promoters' Association of America and Allied Countries." His powers will be absolute, comparing to that of Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler.

The whole idea behind this drastic action is to establish one Heavyweight Champion of the World and to bring wrestling back to Madison Square Garden. If Lewis can accomplish both these ends, wrestling will once more become a sport and be lifted out of the vaudeville class.

The whole thing may be just a gag, but the basic idea is sound and has our wholehearted backing. Now let's see what develops. . . .

Dick Raines writes from Honolulu that his Australian tour was a great success. Dick is out to capture the Hawaiian title that he held in 1940. Raines had sixty-three contests Down Under and lost only three.

Earl McCready, the British Empire Champion, is now showing his talents in the Pacific Northwest. McCready is one of the best wrestlers in the world and promoters all over the U. S. can make good use of him.

Gorgeous George finally lost a match. In Montreal, the Gorgeous one tasted defeat at the hands of Yvon Robert. However the box office receipts for the match wiped out any bitter aftermath. They drew a gross of $21,000 which set a new record for a wrestling bout in Montreal. George is the biggest mat attraction since the heyday of Jim Londos.

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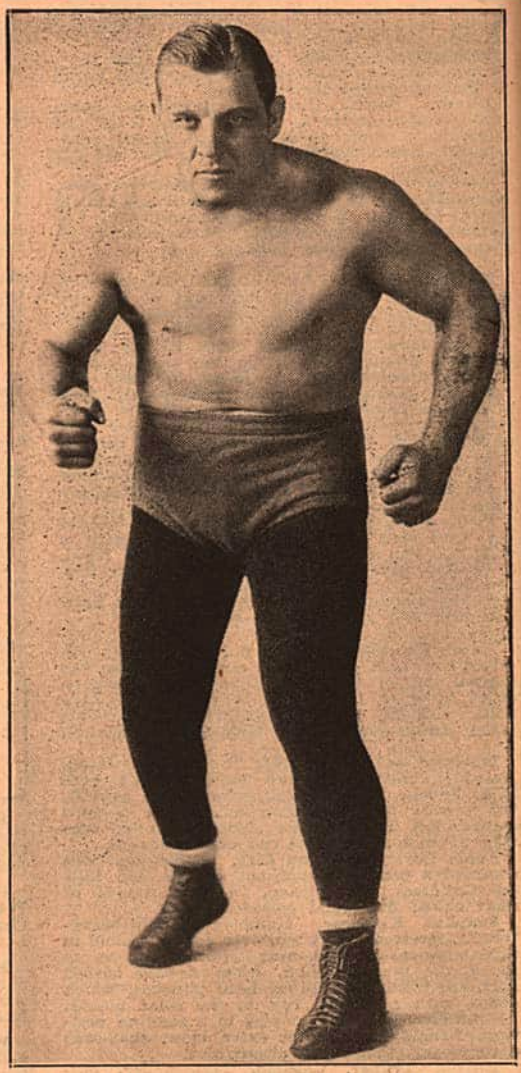
RAY STEELE, one of the great wrestlers of the past, is now working as a referee in Canada. . . . Ali Baba has started on the comeback trail and as always is a big attraction. . . . King Kong Kashey, another veteran, is back in the thick of things. . . . The two leading claimants for the heavyweight championship of the world are Frank Sexton and Louis Thez. It is Strangler Lewis's job to settle the matter of supremacy and this he hopes to do at an early date.



Hans Schnabel, who has been a steady winner for the past three years.

There may be better wrestlers than Flash Gordon, but I doubt if there are many more popular with the fans. A good looking athlete, Gordon comes from the ranks of the professional footballers and naturally has brought many of the spectacular methods of the gridiron to the ring.

Starring with the University of Southern California, he joined the Los Angeles Bull Dogs of the pro ranks and also proved to be one of the outstanding men with that organization. Gordon is extremely popular with his fellow wrestlers and is noted for his sportsmanship. At present he makes his home in Boston.

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WHICH one of the Schnabel Brothers is the toughest? Mat fans throughout the country have been trying to answer that question for some time. Hans, the younger of the two, has been a consistent winner for the past three years. Fritz also has been going great guns and has upset the applecart on more than one occasion.

Paired together in team matches they are an almost unbeatable combination. Employing power holds such as Fritz's Pile Driver and Hans' Block Buster they have defeated opponents with amazing regularity. The Schnabels who were born in Bristol, Conn., of German parentage, learned to wrestle while still in grade school. This early start gave them a decided edge over their classmates when they went to high school. Fritz, who entered the first tournament while a Freshman, defeated every man he was called on to meet. Hans had an equally good record in his first year of competition.

Fritz Schnabel, the older of the famous brother team.

Since turning professional, they have caused some of the country's best to cry "Uncle."

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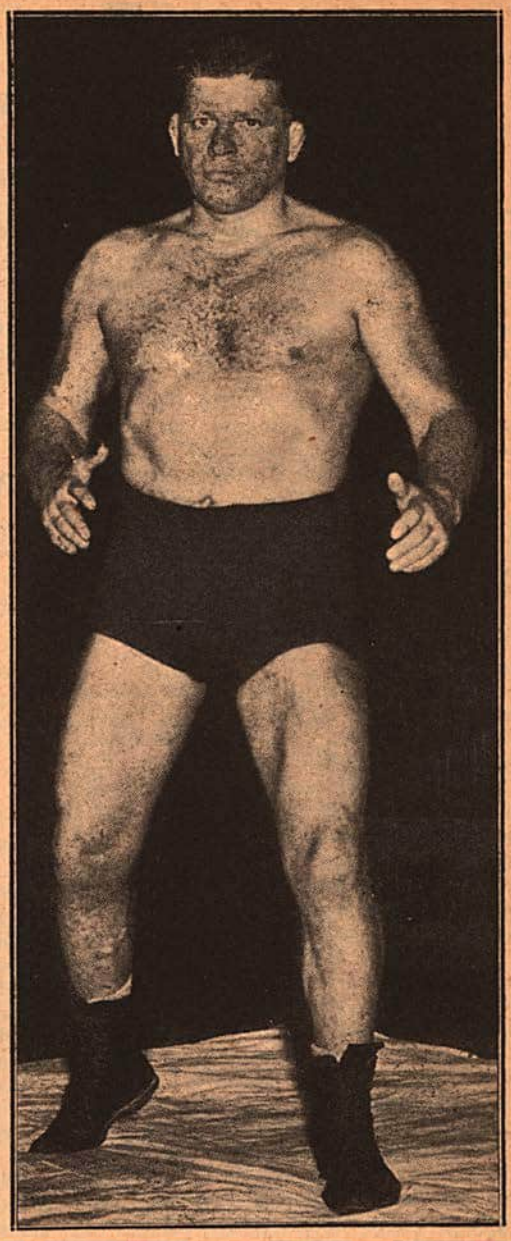
WELL known in the majority of wrestling centers is that veteran star of the mat, Len Hughes. He started his grappling career as a middleweight meeting such well known men as Pinky Gardner and John Kilonis, then graduating through the light-heavyweight division and he now holds his own with the best junior heavies and heavyweights. Hughes took time out during the war years to serve as an athletic instructor in the United States Navy, but since 1946 has been back at his old love and doing at least as well as before the great conflict.

Over the years Hughes has met some of the world's outstanding grapplers. He has clashed with four of the Duseks—Wally, Rudy, Ernie and Emil—Yvon Robert, the No. 1 Canadian heavyweight, Danno O'Mahony, Bobby Managoff, Rebel Russell, Bull Montana, Bull Curry and many others too numerous to mention.

Hughes first made his appearance in Eastern Canada in the late 30's and has been an outstanding magnet at the gate ever since. A capable man on the mat, he has developed an aerial attack that ranks with the best in the game and in the rough and ready going has always been able to hold his own. While a regular on the Maritime mats, Hughes has also shown his wares in practically all sections of his native United States, Newfoundland and Puerto Rico.



Len Hughes, a fine grappler who could become famous if given a chance against the cream of the talent.

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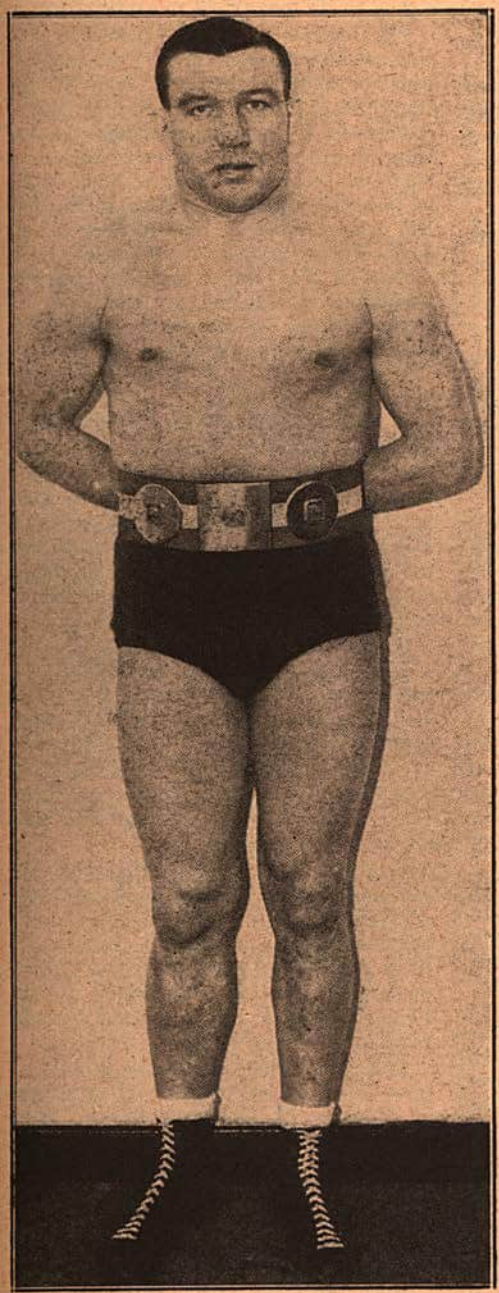

Flash Gordon of Boston, Mass., who is one of the most popular wrestlers in the country.

WRESTLING News From Hawaii by Ted Yamachika, follows: Jack Claybourne, topflight Negro grappler from Boston, Mass., became the new Hawaiian heavyweight champion when he dethroned Hisao Tanaka in a thrilling match held at the local civic auditorium. Arriving from Australia recently where he had been campaigning successfully for the last six months, Claybourne displayed tremendous strength and enough speed to offset the judo tactics of his opponent and gained the title in two straight falls, the bout lasting less than 22 minutes. The first fall came in 16:33 when Claybourne applied the body press after softening up his opponent with a series of vicious flying dropkicks. Tanaka was so weakened by the punishment he took in this first fall that he fell victim to the same hold less than six minutes after battle was resumed.

Jack Claybourne should prove one of the best champions ever to hold the title. Big and colorful he has won a great following. His record as a wrestler is amazing. Since 1943 when he won the Negro heavyweight championship in New York, he is undefeated in the ring.

In all fairness to Tanaka, it must be said that he was not at his fighting best for this match. He was badly hurt in a match against Red Vagnone about two months ago, was sidelined for several weeks and it seemed he wasn't yet fully recovered. But a great sport and a great competitor, he gave no alibi and was the first to offer his congratulations to the new champion.

Chief Little Wolf, colorful veteran of the game, has returned to Honolulu. In his local debut he had the misfortune of having Claybourne as his opponent and lost the match but he still feels that he can give a better account of himself once he gets acclimated.

With Jimmy Lott of Birmingham, Ala., Brother Frank of Provo, Utah, Dick Raines and our own Bucky O'Neill here at the same time it would be interesting to match these foursomes to select the roughhouse champion of Honolulu. What a riot that would be! Only guy missing is one Sammy Cohen.

Other wrestlers performing regularly are Bud "The Body" Curtis, Oki Shikina, Jimmy Gonsalves, Kaimon Kudo, Stan Miyashiro and Wimpy Wilington.

Many wrestlers returning to the States from Australia and New Zealand stop off at Hawaii for several matches.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "THE RING" *for* 1948

By NAT FLEISCHER

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These ratings are based on results from January 1 to December 15, inclusive.

AS in past years, the ratings listed below are the result of considerable thought and study and not recorded through mere guesswork. THE RING Editor has had the assistance of an able staff, consisting of his co-workers on THE RING and his correspondents in gathering the data necessary for a world-wide ranking of pugilists as appears in this issue.

In England we received aid from our colleague, Eddie Borden, from our correspondent, Johnny Sharpe, and several British scribes. On the European continent we were helped by Charley Parish, who follows the boxers of Spain, Holland, France, Belgium, Scandinavia and Italy. In South Africa, St. John Dean, Sol C. Maloon, W. Garforth and Leonard Neil. In Australia and New Zealand, Richard Bellanger, Vincent C. Davis and Thomas Jones.

In Cuba, Dr. J. A. Vieites and Milton Baron helped us. In the Far East, Felipe J. C. Galang, Ted Yamachika and Ralph P. Modder gave their aid.

Hence we feel that our international ranking of boxers is truly the work of a world-wide organization.

In the lead article in this issue, the top men in each division have been named, and in this article we will go into a little detail on the men in the lower grouping. The leading men in each division this year, as already told, are the title holders. Each tops not only his division as champion but also as the outstanding fighter.

In only three classes are the leaders so far above the rest of the field, however, that they stand alone in a group by themselves. We find Joe Louis occupying such a post among the heavyweights, Ray Robinson among the welterweights, and Ike Williams in the lightweight section. The three have the distinction of being throwbacks to the great ringmen of past years. They outclass the contenders.

The heavyweight class is divided into three groups, with Louis topping the first, Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles named by themselves in the second group as the outstanding challengers, and Lee Savold leading a third division in which Johnny Flynn, Jimmy Bivins, Joey Maxim, Joe Kahut, Rusty Payne, Pat Valentino, Melio Bettina, Joe Baksi and Bruce Woodcock are listed in that order.

Though Billy Conn has been chosen by Joe Louis as one of the four leading contenders, he has displayed nothing to warrant being placed in the numerical groups. Hence he is listed in Class 1 among the heavyweights.

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IN the light-heavyweight ranks, Mills is our top man, with Gus Lesnevich in the challenger's post. Bob Foxworth, who rolled up a fine record only to be forced into retirement because of bad eyesight, is our next choice, based on his year's work.

Archie Moore dropped several pegs this year in the light-heavyweight division due to his one-round kayo at the hands of Leonard Morrow, his loss to Henry Hall and a loss on a foul to Lloyd Gibson, besides being knocked out by Ezzard Charles. Morrow lost only to Foxworth, hence is rated under Bob with Moore in fifth place.

Eleven pugilists make up the numerical group of light-heavyweights, Dave Sands of Australia, Lloyd Marshall, Charley Doc Williams, Nick Barone, Tommy Yarosz and Oakland Billy Smith concluding the list. Marshall, though rather inactive, continues to remain among the top men.

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MARCEL CERDAN is our choice for the head of the first group in the middleweight ranks. Bert Lytell, a veteran who has been close to the top on many occasions, heads the challengers with Tony Zale, former champ; Cyrille Delannoit beat Cerdan early during the year; Jake LaMotta, Sylvester Perkins, Steve Belloise and Rocky Graziano following.

Had LaMotta not been involved in the questionable loss to Billy Fox, he would have headed the contenders. With Graziano suspended all over the world, it begins to look like a cinch for Cerdan to hold onto his title during 1949.

The second group, consisting of good club fighters, excellent attractions, who, however, fall a little below the class of the first seven, is headed by the British Empire champion, Dick Turpin. Robert Villemain, a Frenchman; Tiberio Mitri, an Italian; Lee Sala of Pennsylvania, Laurent Dauthuille of France, Luc van Dam of Holland, Rocky Castellani of Pennsylvania, Bee Bee Wright of Pennsylvania, Vince Hawkins of England and Jean Stock of France follow Turpin.

From the above list it will be noted that half of our numerically rated men, the world's best middleweights, are foreigners, a situation never before recorded in our annual ratings, except in the flyweight division.

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AS in the previous year, Ray Robinson again is the class of the welterweight division, although it appears at this writing that he will not attempt to defend his title because of a weight increase. He will probably retire as the undefeated king of his division to enter competition among the middleweights.

The group of challengers consists of sixteen fighters, the top three being the outstanding challengers. Kid Gavilan heads that class, with Bernard Docusen of New Orleans and Frankie Fernandez, the hardest hitter in the division, the man who recently knocked out Tommy Bell after flooring him five times, following. An elimination should get under way with this trio and Johnny Greco of Canada, fourth in the rankings, to determine the successor to Robinson should Sugar Ray retire. Such an elimination would definitely decide a world champion to replace Robinson.

Beau Jack, Gene Burton, Johnny Cesario, Charley Fusari, Charley Williams, Tommy Bell, George Costner, Billy Graham, Ralph Zannelli, Tony Pellone, Tommy Burns and Ben Buker make up the rest of the group.

LIKE Ray Robinson in the class above him, Ike Williams is a standout in the lightweight section. Enrique Bolanos, who fought a close title tilt with Ike in California, is the highest rated challenger.

Maxie Docusen, Freddie Dawson and Tommy Campbell are strong contenders. Jesse Flores, who got his chance and was stopped by Williams, Arthur King, Paddy DeMarco, Carlos Chavez, Bolton Ford, Paulino Montes, Pierre Montane of France make up the rest of the division.

In the featherweight class, a sturdy, two-fisted Negro boy tops all hands. Sandy Saddler is his name. He recently knocked out the great Willie Pep to add to his long string of victims. Sandy during the year defeated the champions of seven countries and is truly an international title holder.

Pep remains the No. 1 contender and will get his chance to avenge the knockout when he and Saddler meet again in February. Ray Famechon of France, Miguel Acevedo of Cuba, who has taken on a new lease of life; Jackie Graves of Minnesota, Tirso del Rosario of Manila, Eddie Miller of Australia, Johnny Molloy of England, Elis Ask of Finland, Harold Dade of Chicago, Henry Davis of Honolulu, Eddie Compo of New Haven and Ron Draper of Southampton, England, are our best world feathers. In no division are the ranking men so scattered internationally.

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ALTHOUGH Manuel Ortiz continues to head the bantams, it is about time that the champ left his native heath to defend his laurels outside of his home lair. Though he defended his crown in Mexicala against Memo Valero of Mexico, the good little El Centro champ should do a little travelling to aid his division in sectors other than in the Far West.

Cecil Schoonmaker, who came along at a rapid rate in 1948, gained the top challenger's position with Europe's best battler, Luis Romero of Spain, close on his trail. Guido Ferracin of Italy, Memo Valero of Mexico, Chico Rosa of Honolulu, David Kui Kong Young of Honolulu, and Jackie Paterson, British Empire champion, make up the first group.

Stan Rowan of Liverpool leads the second section. In that sector are Theo Medina of France, Georges Mousse of France, Luis Galvani of Cuba, Terry Allen of England, Elley Bennett of Australia, Teddy Gardner of England, Armando Puenti Pi of Cuba, Fernando Gagnon of Canada and Mustapha Mustaphaoui of Algeria.

Rinty Monaghan, the flyweight king, has three excellent challengers hot on his trail in Maurice Sandeyron of France, Dickie O'Sullivan of England and Dado Marino of Honolulu, rated in that order.

Monito Flores of Mexico, Louis Skena of France, Emile Famechon of France, Charley Squire of England and Honore Pratesi of Italy follow.

Black Pico of Cuba, Jackie Bryce of England, Mickey Hill of Australia, Luis

Fuentes of Havana, Jimmy Hogg of Australia, Taffy Hancock of Australia, Raoul Degryse of Belgium and Norman Tennant of Scotland make up the second division of numerically rated flyweights, listed in that order.

We are extremely grateful to our American staff representatives for the aid they gave in selecting the outstanding fighters of each division in their locality. Their contribution, added to the records in our files, enabled us to rate the fighters below.

Here are the ratings in all divisions, grouped according to ability:

Heavyweights
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Michigan

(Group 1)
Joe Louis, Detroit, Michigan

(Group 2)
1—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio

(Group 3)
1—Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.
2—Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.
3—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
4—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
5—Joe Kahut, Portland, Ore.
6—Rusty Payne, San Diego, Calif.
7—Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Calif.
8—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.
9—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.
10—Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, England

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in this division are rated about on a par.

Class 1

Sonny Andrews, Los Angeles; Willis (Red) Applegate, Newark, N. J.; Willie Bean, Los Angeles; Enrico Bertola, Italy; Freddie Beshore, El Monte, Calif.; Tony Bosnich, San Francisco; Gino Buonvino, Italy; Colon Chaney, Indianapolis; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jackie Cranford, Washington, D. C.; Baby (Dutch) Culbertson, Los Angeles, Henry Flake, Buffalo, N. Y.; Arturo Godoy, Chile; Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.; Gene Gosney, Seminole, Okla.; Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles; Alabama Kid, Columbus, O.; Alfredo Lagay, Argentina; Vern Mitchell, Detroit; Joe Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Stephane Olek, France; Lee Oma, Detroit; Sid Peaks, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Petersen, Seattle, Wash.; Johnny Ralph, So. Africa; Elmer Ray, Hastings, Fla.; Bernie Reynolds, Fairfield, Conn.; Kid Riviera, St. Louis.

Curtis Sheppard, Baltimore; Johnny Shkor, Boston, Olle Tandberg, Sweden; Hein Ten Hoff, Hamburg, Germany; Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles; Roscoe Toles, Detroit; Jo Weidin, Austria; Bill Weinberg, New Haven, Conn.; Bill Wilson, Charlotte, No. Car.

Class 2

Fidel Arciniega, New York; Jimmy Carrollo, New York; Joe Chesul, Bayonne, N. J.; Perk Daniels, Chicago; Francisco De La Cruz, Los Angeles; Enrique Felipi, Argentina; Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.; Augustino Guedes, Allentown, Pa.; Harold Guss, St. Louis.

Walter Hafer, Mayesville, Ky.; Georgie Kochan, New York; Roland La Starza, New York; Sandy McPherson, Tulsa, Okla.; Jerry McSwain, Los Angeles.

Don Mogard, Paterson, N. J.; Angel Sotillo, Argentina; Ray Stevens, Los Angeles; Bobby Zander, Los Angeles.

Class 3

Reg Andrews, Deal, Eng.; Clinton Bacon, Chicago; Jimmy Bell, Washington, D. C.; Louis Berlier, New Orleans; Red Connolly, Dorchester, R. I.; Joe Dominic, Springfield, Mass.; Tommy Garland, Hollywood; Bill Gillam, Newark, N. J.

Richard Hagan, Chicago; Roy Hawkins, Tacoma, Wash.; Frank Jones, Des Moines, Ia.; Gene Jones, Camden, N. J.; Henry Jones, Detroit; Curt Kennedy, Chicago; Steve King, New York, Eddie La Marr, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rocky Marchiano, Brockton, Mass.; Don Mullett, New Zealand; Shamus O'Brien, New York; Ernie Rios, Los Angeles; Erv Sarlin, Pittsburgh; Ken Shaw, Dundee, Scotland; Art Swiden, Pittsburgh; Buddy Walker, Columbus, O.

Class 4

Charlie Allen, New Castle, Pa.; Phil Alston, Roslyn, L. I., N. Y.; Harry Bilazarian, Boylston, Mass.; Pedro Bradley, Cleveland; Elkins Brothers, New Castle, Pa.; William Brown, New York; Frank Buford, Oakland; Mike Campfarella, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Catoia, Providence, R. I.; Wade Chancey, Staten Island, N. Y.; Jeff Clanton, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Curtis, Taft, Texas.

James J. Deckard, Camden, N. J.; Artie Donato, Red Bank, N. J.; Chief Don Eagle, Chicago; Gene Felton, Los Angeles; Jackie Fisher, Waterville, Me.; Jimmy Freedman, New York; Tommy Georgio, Schenectady, N. Y.; Harry Haft, Austria; Dale Hall, Los Angeles; Bill Hardeman, Boston; Clarence Henry, Los Angeles; Jim Holden, Newark, N. J.; Hubert Hood, Chicago.

Les Irwin, Jersey City, N. J.; Don Jabbora, Moscow, Ida.; Mike Jacobs, Jersey City, N. J.; Chuck Jennings, Rochester, N. Y.; Tony Jess, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Maynard Jones, Wilmington, Del.; Willie Jones, St. Paul, Minn.; Joe Lindsay, New York.

Billy McClure, Los Angeles; Johnny Melko, Worcester, Mass.; Barney Metten, New York; Lloyd Michigan, Detroit; Matt Mincey, Paterson, N. J.; Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Conn.; Bob O'Bannon, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Orlando Ott, Chicago; Bobby Quinn, Boston; Fred Ramsey, Cambridge, Mass.; Roy Ransom, Danbury, Conn.; Eddie Reed, New York; Pat Richards, Columbus, O.; Don Riffe, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.; Odell Riley, Detroit; Bill Roberts, Indianapolis; Joe Rodriguez, Mexico; Kid Roscoe, Jersey City, N. J.

Sylvester Salter, Cincinnati; Bob Sherrard, Seattle, Wash.; Charley Simmons, Dallas, Tex.; Al Smith, New York; Leo Stoll, New York; Acie Talbert, Chicago; Roy Taylor, New York; Jackie Thompson, Detroit; Lee Upshaw, San Francisco; Carmine Vingo, New York; Andy Walker, Oakland, Calif.; Jimmy Walker, Plainville, N. J.; Earl Walls, New York; James Walls, Englewood, N. J.; Dick Walsh, Cliffside Park, N. J.; George Washington, New York; Grady Welch, Cincinnati; Art Williams, Pittsburgh; Johnny Williams, Passaic, N. J.; Stafford Williams, Chicago; Harry Wills, Los Angeles; Johnny Wilson, Baltimore; Tommy Woodward, Columbus, Ohio.

Light-Heavyweights
World Champion
Freddie Mills, London, England

(Group 1)
1—Freddie Mills, London, England
2—Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside Park, N. J.
3—Bob Foxworth, Chicago, Ill.
4—Leonard Morrow, Oakland, Calif.
5—Archie Moore, Oakland, Calif.
6—Dave Sands, Australia
7—Lloyd Marshall, Cleveland, Ohio
8—Charley (Doc) Williams, Mahwah, N. J.
9—Nick Barone, Syracuse, N. Y.
10—Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa.
11—Oakland Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.

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Class 1

Omelio Agramonte, Cuba; Bob Amos, Detroit; Ray Augustus, Wichita, Kan.; Charlie Banks, Cincinnati; Jack Chase, Walsenburg, Colo.; Johnny Colan, New York; Billy Fox, Philadelphia; Henry Hall, New Orleans, La.; Artie Levine, New York; Ted Lowry, New Haven, Conn.; Pat McCafferty, Topeka, Kan.; George Millich, Sacramento, Calif.; Bob Satterfield, Chicago.

Class 2

Johnny Barton, Lancaster, Eng.; Johnny Black, Jacksonville, Fla.; Doug Brown, Australia; Don Cockell, Battersea, Eng.; Davey Feld, New York; Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles; Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Joe Governale, New York.

Al Johnson, Indianapolis; Harold Johnson, Manayunk, Pa.; Watson Jones, Los Angeles; Gerrit Lefebre, Holland; Saint Paul, Springfield, Mass.; Dolph Quijano, El Paso, Tex.; Jack Twist, Australia; Dave Whitlock, San Francisco; Johnny Williams, Rugby, Eng.

Class 3

Phil Berman, Paterson, N. J.; Dom Bernardo, Windsor, Ont.; Don Bucceroni, Philadelphia; Lee Campione, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Lee Carter, Indianapolis; Bobby Dance, Meriden, Conn.; Bobby Dare, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony De Micco, Schenectady, N. Y.; Bob Dunlap, Los Angeles; Johnny Dupree, Tampa, Fla.; Tony Elizondo, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Eddie Elton, Akron, O.

Bob Isler, New York, Tom McKeagney, Boston; Jackie Marr, New Zealand; Al Marson, Stepney, Eng.; Joe Modzele, New Kensington, Pa.; Doug Rollinson, New Zealand; Arthur (Ginger) Sadd, Norwich, Eng.; Renato Tontini, Italy; Dick Wagner, Portland, Ore.; J. C. Wilkins, New York; Vernon Williams, Atlantic City, N. J.; Albert Yvel, Algeria.

Class 4

Pete Amorosa, Philadelphia; Frankie Anderson, Belfast, Me.; Jim Arnold, Chicago; Red Bineyard, Wheeling, W. Va.; Art Brown, New York; Jerry Brown, Los Angeles; Wylie Burns, Harrisburg, Pa.; Gene Dillsworth, San Francisco; Walter (Speedy) Duval, Philadelphia; Fred Ford, St. Paul, Minn.; Larry Gibson, Trenton, N. J.; Chuck Hammond, San Francisco; Al Hernandez, Los Angeles; Jim Hooper, New York.

Bob Jefferson, New York; Jimmy Johnson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Rod Jones, Los Angeles; Sam Jordan, San Francisco; George Kaplan, Bronx, N. Y.; Frankie Klobucar, Chicago; Enoch Lee, Los Angeles; Benny McCombs, Flint, Mich.; Ivan McNeil, Montreal, Canada; Frankie Majors, Ft. Riley, Kan.; Angel Martinez, Newark, N. J.; Bobby Morris, Detroit; Eddie Neuguth, New York; Eddie Newman, Chicago; Johnny O'Neil, San Francisco; Eddie Ross, Montreal, Canada.

Larry Shaw, New York; Jimmy Sheets, Chicago; Tommy Stewart, Bellevue, Pa.; Virgil Strauss, Hammond, Ind.; Hank Thurman, Sacramento, Calif.; Al Timmons, Cleveland; Roy Voris, San Francisco; Oscar Wakefield, Baltimore; Baby Joe Walcott, Duluth, Minn.; Willie Wilkerson, Los Angeles; Major Williams, Trenton, N. J.; Obie Wooten, San Francisco.

Middleweights
World Champion
Marcel Cerdan, Casablanca, North Africa

(Group 1)
1—Marcel Cerdan, Casablanca, North Africa
2—Bert Lytell, Oakland, Calif.
3—Tony Zale, Gary, Ind.
4—Cyrille Delannoit, Brussels, Belgium
5—Jake LaMotta, New York, N. Y.
6—Sylvester Perkins, Chicago
7—Steve Belloise, New York, N. Y.
8—Rocky Graziano, New York, N. Y.

(Group 2)
1—Dick Turpin, Leamington, England
2—Robert Villemain, Paris, France
3—Tiberio Mitri, Italy
4—Lee Sala, Donora, Pa.
5—Laurent Dauthuille, Aisne, France
6—Luc van Dam, Holland
7—Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.
8—Bee Bee Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Vince Hawkins, Watford, England
10—Jean Stock, France

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Class 1

Frankie Angustain, Los Angeles; Fred Apostoli, San Francisco; Jose Basora, Puerto Rico; O'Neill Bell, Detroit; Joe Blackwood, Paterson, N. J.; Gene Boland, Detroit; Randy Brown, Newark, N. J.; Alex Buxton, Watford, Eng.; Henry Chemel, Portland, Me.; Jimmy Curl, San Antonio, Tex.; Joey DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Albert Finch, Croydon, Eng.; Harold Green, New York; Ossie Harris, Pittsburgh; Mark Hart, Croydon, Eng.; George (Sonny) Horne, New York; Cecil Hudson, San Jose, Calif.; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland; Smuggy Hursey, Washington, D. C.

Major Jones, Kansas City, Mo.; Reuben Jones, Norfolk, Va.; Lucien Krawczyk, France; Don Lee, Omaha, Neb.; Vern Lester, San Francisco; Harry (Kid) Matthews, Seattle, Wash.

Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Roy Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; Carl Olson, Hawaii; Al Priest, Boston; Anton Raadik, Chicago; Laverne Roach, Plainview, Tex.; Jack Snapp, Portland, Ore.; Ray Spurlock, Kansas City, Mo.; Bep Van Klaveren, Holland; Jean Walzack, France; Danny Williams, Detroit; Roy Williams, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Charley Zivic, Pittsburgh.

Class 2

Freddie Addeo, New York; Red Arrow, Oklahoma; Jack Boderone, Brazil; Henry Brimm, Buffalo, N. Y.; Boy Brooks, Honolulu; Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.; Gene Buffalo, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Billy Carroll, Doncaster, Eng.; Walter Cartier, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Bob Castro, Los Angeles; Burl Charity, Youngstown, O.; Robert Charron, France; Dave Clark, Cincinnati; Leroy Coleman, New York; Bill Daley, Brookline, Mass.; Joe Danos, Denver, Colo.; Rudy Davila, Los Angeles; Joe DiMartino, Bridgeport, Conn.; Len Dittmar, Australia. Buddy Farrell, Newark, N. J.; Jerome Frazier, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jesse Jenkins, Monticello, N. Y.; Nick Kasuba, New York; Jimmy King, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Herbie Kronowitz, New York; Bobby Mann, Trenton, N. J.; Danny Martin, Newark, N. J.; Bob Murphy, San Diego, Calif.; Eddie O'Neill, Toledo, O.; Johnny Potenti, Worcester, Mass.; Tony Riccio, Bayonne, N. J.; Joe Rindone, Roxbury, Mass.; J. T. Ross, San Jose, Calif.; Vince Rossano, New York.

Milo Savage, Seattle, Wash.; Oswaldo Silvo, Brazil; Dick Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Billy Stemmler, Windsor, Ont.; Ken Stribling, Baltimore; Joe Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky.; Art Towne, New York; Rudy Turner, Buffalo, N. Y.

Randolph Turpin, Leamington, Eng.; Lou Valles, New York; Sammy Walker, Springfield, Mass.; Bobby Ward, San Francisco; Kenny Watkins, Los Angeles; Al Winn, New York; Charley Zack, New York; Pete Zaduck, Toronto.

Class 3

Regino Aguilar, Los Angeles; Mike Angustain, Los Angeles; Horace Bailey, Biddeford, Me.; Kenny (Red) Barton, Arkansas City, Ark.; Jimmy Beau, Bridgeport, Conn.; Billy Born, San Francisco; Jackie Burke, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Larry Carter, San Francisco; Vinnie Cidone, New York; Joe Contreras, Fall River, Mass.; Billy Cooper, Paterson, N. J.; Frankie Cordino, Paterson, N. J.

Richie Dallas, New York; Reecy Davis, Greenville, Tex.; Sal DiMartino, Hartford, Conn.; Martin Doyle, Detroit; Mickey Doyle, Cleveland; George Duke, Petaluma, Calif.; Johnny Duke, Seattle, Wash.; Eddie Edwards, Irvington, N. J.; Jim Flood, New York; Joe Green, Asheville, N. C.; Eli Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Hansbury, Washington, D. C.; Art Hardy, Pittsburgh; Jimmy Herring, New York; Norman Horton, Dayton, O.; Pedro Jiminez, Spokane, Wash.; Sipio Lofton, Newark, N. J.; Deacon Logan, St. Louis.

Jimmy Mangia, New York; Eddie Marno, Paterson, N. J.; Tommy Marra, New York; Bert Mendoza, Oakland, Calif.; Bob Morgan, New York; Chick Musgrove, Los Angeles; Ike Patton, Gary, Ind.; Joey Peralta, Tampa, Fla.; Paul Perkins, Salt Lake City, U.; Buford Ransom, Seattle, Wash.; Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J.; Lester River, Boston; Eddie Soares, Providence, R. I.; Ike Stevenson, Framingham, Mass.; Wayne Strowbridge, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Casmir Sugalski, Newark, N. J.; Joe Tate, Philadelphia; Bruce Ubaldo, Philadelphia; Pat Vendrillo, Manchester, N. H.; Chet Vinci, Utica, N. Y.; Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore.; Haywood Warnum, Boston.

Class 4

Dean Abney, Salem, Ore.; Dick Abney, Salem, Ore.; Paco Acosta, Los Angeles; Chris Adcock, Rochdale, Eng.; Gus Aldrich, Miami, Fla.; Ray Aliverto, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harold Alle, Minneapolis, Minn.; Armando Amanini, Italy; Ernesto Armando, El Paso, Tex.; Al Amaral, Taunton, Mass.; Clyde Anderson, Waterloo, Ia.; Alex Arella, Pittsburgh; Bobby Arnold, Stamford, Conn.; Billy Atwood, New York.

Ray Bacal, Hawaii; Johnny Baird, Des Moines, Ia.; Bobby Baldwin, Englewood, N. J.; Cliff Barnett, Los Angeles; Russ Baxter, New Castle, Pa.; Jimmy Beardon, New York; Jack Biddle, New Castle, Pa.; Nat Blum, New York; Hugo Bonacci, Syracuse, N. Y.; Ted Brassley, Portland, Me.; Ceferino Bronco, Fall River, Mass.; Art Brown, Hollywood; Bobby Brown, New York; Ray Bryan, New York; Nick Bufalino, New York; Ernie Butler, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dick Callahan, Boston; Mike Carney, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Carroll, Detroit; Chris Clark, Richmond, Calif.; George Clark, Washington, D. C.; Jimmy Cook, New York; Billy Corbett, Tacoma, Wash.; Winston Corbett, Holyoke, Mass.; Constantino Cossifos, Yonkers, N. Y.; Primos Cutler, Philadelphia; Paul Darby, Detroit; King David, New York; Charlie Dawson, New York; Nick DeGrazio, Garwood, N. J.; Jimmy DeSouza, New York; Ramon Dioses, Los Angeles; Regino Docusen, New Orleans; Lafayette Drummond, Youngstown, O.; Jackie Dugan, Toronto, Canada; Eddie Dutton, Harrisburg, Pa.

Garland Edwards, Washington, D. C.; Don Ellis, Atlantic City, N. J.; Roy Evans, Tampa, Fla.; Joey Falco, Philadelphia; Johnny Fisher, New York; Jerry Fleming, Rochester, N. Y.; Leon Gabriel, Springfield, Mass.; Nate Ganie, Philadelphia; Tito Garcia, Los Angeles; Johnny Gardea, Los Angeles; Allie George, Utica, N. Y.; Mike Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Frankie Gimbel, Oakland; Bill Giovini, New York; Andre (Indian) Gomez, New York; Billy Gordon, Philadelphia; Louis Gray, St. Louis; Jesse Gully, Chicago; Scot Hampton, Detroit; Lew Hardman, Jackson, Mich.; Joey Hartfield, Omaha, Neb.; Gene Hartley, Baltimore; Don Hassock, Paterson, N. J.; Titus Hawkins, Los Angeles; Bobby Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Henry Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Chief Crazy Horse, Rosebud, So. Dak.; Nap Howard, Los Angeles; Charley Howley, Chester, Pa.

Frank Incontera, New York; Randy Ingram, Baltimore; Johnny Izzo, New Castle, Pa.; Art Jackson, Cleveland; Buddy Jackson, Newark, N. J.; Emory Jackson, San Diego, Calif.; Sheriff Jackson, Columbus, O.; Bobby James, New York; Tony Johnson, New York.

Ulysses Johnson, Detroit; Ralph Jones, Chicago; Julie Keene, Washington, D. C.; Jackie Keough, Cleveland; Billy Kilroy, Paterson, N. J.; Billy Kinard, Miami, Fla.; Billy King, Hollywood; Steve Klepis, Clifton, N. J.; Marion Klingensmith, Brownsville, Pa.; George Kolarik, Los Angeles.

Bill Landry, Moncton, N. S.; Dick Lee, San Jose, Calif.; Henry Lee, Seattle, Wash.; Jim Lee, Englewood, N. J.; Tommy Lee, San Diego, Calif.; Jimmy Leslie, New York; Milton Lightfoot, Boston; Freddie Lott, Jersey City, N. J.; Gene Loughridge, Los Angeles; Young Joe Louis, Kansas City, Mo.; Bernard (Ace) McCloskey, Nova Scotia; Mickey McQuillan, Oakland; Sonny Marsh, Akron, O.; Billy Meyers, Camden, N. J.; Ralph Meyers, Detroit; Ernie Miles, Elmira, N. Y.; Eddie Miller, Dayton, O.; Jackie Morris, Boston; Eddie Ocasio, New York.

Jack Parks, Des Moines, Ia.; Lee Patrick, St. Louis; Bob Patterson, San Francisco; Freddy Patterson, Rochester, N. Y.; Oscar Penn, San Francisco; Lew Perez, New York; Alberto Pescatore, Naples, Italy; Al Pinel, New Bedford, Mass.; Dan Pinto, Columbus, O.; Terry Reardon, Boston; Toby Reid, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jess Richards, Los Angeles; Bruce Richardson, Los Angeles; Eddie Richardson, Paterson, N. J.; Russell Richter, Paterson, N. J.; Phil Roderique, Lewiston, Me.; Vern Roman, Albany, N. Y.; Danny Rosati, Newark, N. J.; Tony Rose, Newark, N. J.; Freddie Ruffin, Providence, R. I.; Hurley Sanders, Newark, N. J.; Manuel Segobia, Omaha, Neb.; Bobby Seamon, Los Angeles; Eddie Searle, Los Angeles; Mike Silipo, New York; Bobby Silva, San Francisco; Chuck Simmons, Detroit; Eddie Simmons, Sioux City, Ia.; Stanley (Baby) Sims, New York; Greg Siragusa, Franklin Square, L. I., N. Y.; Art Skinner, New York; Ray Stackhouse, Fall River, Mass.; Roy Stevens, New Zealand; Rollin Streety, Cleveland.

Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Taylor, New York; Roland Taylor, Des Moines, Ia.; Dick Thelan, Milwaukee, Wis.; Sam Thompson, New York, Bobby Tighe, New York; Lanny Trader, New Haven, Conn.; Alvin Upshaw, Halifax, N.S.; Tommy Varsos, Milwaukee, Wis.; Danny Ventura, Stamford, Conn.; Tony Vero, Rome, N. Y.; Carmine Vitale, New York; Melvin (Tiger) Wade, Baltimore; Emil Wagner, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jim Walters, New York; Junior Washington, San Diego; Hank Watkins, Newark, N. J.; James Watson, Omaha, Neb.; Leo West, Albany, N. Y.; Paul Williams, Boston; Clarence Woods, New York; Roy Wouters, Vancouver, B.C.; Henry Yeargin, Los Angeles; Al Young, Savannah, Ga.; Raymond Young, Kansas City, Mo.; Dom Youvella, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Solly Zalter, Toronto, Canada.

Welterweights
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)

1—Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

(Group 2)

1—Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
2—Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.
3—Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu, T.H.
4—Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada
5—Beau Jack, Atlanta, Ga.
6—Eugene Burton, New York, N. Y.
7—Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn.
8—Charley Fusari, Irvington, N. J.
9—Charley Williams, Newark, N. J.
10—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, O.
11—George Costner, New York, N. Y.
12—Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.
13—Ralph Zannelli, Boston, Mass.
14—Tony Pellone, New York, N. Y.
15—Tommy Burns, Australia
16—Ben Baker, Havana, Cuba

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Class 1

Roman Alvarez, New York; Dave Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Joey Angelo, Providence, R. I.; Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.; Kid Azteca, Mexico; Hankin Barrow, Panama; Eric Boon, Chatteris, Eng.; Dave Castilloux, Montreal, Canada; Kev Delaney, Australia; Gabby Ferland, Montreal, Canada; Stonewall Jackson, Baltimore; Tony Janiro, Youngstown, O.; Ruby Kessler, New York; Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.; Bert Linam, San Antonio, Tex.

Livio Minelli, Italy; Nick Moran, Mexico City, Mex.; Laurie Peterson, Australia; Doug Ratford, New York; Chester Rico, New York; Rocco Rossano, New York; Charlie Salas, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Irvin Steen, San Diego.

Robert Takeshita, Honolulu; Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa.; Eddie Thomas, Merthyr, Wales; Earl Turner, Richmond, Calif.; Buster Tyler, Newark, N. J.

Frankie Vigeant, New Haven, Conn.; Gwyn Williams, Pontycymmer, Wales; Johnny Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles; Bobby Yaeger, Los Angeles.

Class 2

Frankie Abrams, Pittsburgh; Art Aragon, Cambridge, Mass.; Jackie Armitage, Kensington, Pa.; Tommy Armour, Belfast, Ire.; Frankie Belanger, Canada; Patsy Brandino, Canada; Phil Burton, St. Louis; Van Butler, Trenton, N. J.; Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn.; Tony Chavez, Los Angeles; Al (Bozo) Costantino, New York; Baby Coullimber, Havana, Cuba; Jerry Coursal, New York; Al Couture, Lewiston, Me.; Jackie Daniels, Australia; Jan de Bruin, Holland; Andy DePaul, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Ben Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Billy Exley, Newcastle, Pa.

Tony Falco, Hartford, Conn.; Ernie Forte, Providence, R. I.; Gene Hairston, New York; Henry Hall, Sheffield, Eng.; Cliff Hart, Syracuse, N. Y.; Stan Hawthorne, No. Shields, Eng.; Harry Hayes, Australia; Al Hersh, New York; Harry Hurst, Montreal, Canada; Honey Boy (Chili) Johnson, Grays Ferry, Pa.; Johnny Kaufman, Rochester, N. Y.; George LaRover, Philadelphia; Dorsay Lay, Philadelphia; Bobby Lee, Baltimore; Cosby Linson, New Orleans; Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N. J.

Shamus McCray, Cleveland; Gus Mell, Montreal, Canada; Nick Mistovich, Youngstown, O.; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.; Julio Pedroso, Havana, Cuba; Yrgo Piitulainen, Finland; Fitzie Pruden, Montreal, Canada; Danny Robinson, Chicago; Ernie Roderick, Liverpool, Eng.; George Ross, Boston; Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y.; Sammy Secreet, Pittsburgh; Joe Sgro, Indianapolis; Levi Southall, Kansas City, Mo.; Maxie Starr, Mandan, N. D.; Vince Turpin, Canton, O.; Luigi Valentini, Italy; Tommy Ward, Australia; Jackie Williams, Fall River, Mass.; Jackie Wilson, Quincy, Mass.; Paddy Young, New York; Bobby Zollo, Providence, R. I.

Class 3

Mickey Alagna, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Les Allen, England; Alex Amador, San Francisco; Tommy Appostola, New York; Knute (Buster) Baker, Terre Haute, Ind.; Johnny Bell, New Britain, Conn.; Johnny Bernardo, Philadelphia; Arthur Bethea, Washington, D. C.; Dale Boggs, Columbus, O.; Johnny Breitenbruck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Brocato, New York; Bob Burgess, Vallejo, Calif.; Whitman Burgess, Cincinnati; Laurie Buxton, England; Pat Byers, Kanapolis, N. C.; Johnny Carroll, Jacksonville, Fla.; Roy Carter, New York; Bill Cassity, Charleston, W. Va.; Angel Chavez, Springfield, Mass.; Tony Cimmino, Bayonne, N. J.; Willard Coffey, Huntington, W. Va.; Jackie Cooper, New York; Clyde Coyhis, Los Angeles; John Cunningham, Baltimore.

Johnny Dabbs, Beaumont, Tex.; John Du[illegible] Paterson, N. J.; Bobby Dawson, New York; [illegible] Dever, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Andy Dracha[illegible] New York; Walter Evans, Toledo, O.; Vince [illegible] ter, Omaha, Neb.; Clarrie Gordon, New Zeala[illegible] Otis Graham, Philadelphia; Jimmy Green, Tr[illegible] ton, N. J.; Allie Gronik, Detroit; Jim Hamp[illegible] Buffalo, N. Y.; Buddy Holderfield, Little Ro[illegible] Ark.; Nat Huskey, Akron, O.; Richard Jo[illegible] Los Angeles; Henry Jordan, Philadelphia; Lo[illegible] Jordan, Providence, R. I.

Billy Kearns, Wethersfield, Conn.; Pat Ke[illegible] Erie, Pa.; Johnny Kilday, Jacksonville, Fla[illegible] Al LaBarba, New York; Speedy Lawrence, Ph[illegible] adelphia; Joe McCloskey, Camden, N. J.; Cam[illegible] McDaniels, Cincinnati; Carey Mace, Hartfo[illegible] Conn.; Ruby Margolin, Montreal, Canada; Mar[illegible] Marino, New York; Al Moratti, San Francisc[illegible] Chaforo Martinez, Mexico; Freddie Menna, N[illegible] York; Joe Micelli, New York; Jimmy Millig[illegible] Paterson, N. J.; Angelo Morganti, New Yor[illegible] Billy Morris, Torrington, Conn.; Tony Mot[illegible] Chicago.

Fairest Norman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Chi[illegible] Pacheco, Brazil; Phil Palermo, Vancouver, B.C[illegible] Frankie Palermo, New York; Johnny Parke[illegible] Springfield, Mass.; Tom Parks, Rahway, N. J[illegible] Jimmy Parlo, Manchester, Conn.; George Patte[illegible] Houston, Tex.; Joe Pyle, Nova Scotia; S[illegible] Richie, New York.

Jimmy Sanders, Warren, O.; Mickey Savag[illegible] St. Louis; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.; Bil[illegible] Shelton, Phoenix, Ariz.; Carl Silvers, Jackso[illegible] ville, Fla.; Bob Simmons, Indianapolis; Do[illegible] Sinibaldi, Berlin, N. H.; Gene Smith, Young[illegible] town, O.; Mayhew Smith, New York; Art Sou[illegible] Oakland; Billy Spangler, Shelby, N. C.; Wall[illegible] Stevens, Newark, N. J.; Johnny Suarez, Ne[illegible] York; Bill Suddeth, Topeka, Kan.; Bill Tierne[illegible] Cleveland; Andy Walker, Oakland; Dickie Wel[illegible] hold, Denver, Colo.; Jimmy Welch, Columbus, O[illegible] Ray Wert, Roanoke, Va.; Don Williams, Worce[illegible] ter, Mass.; Johnny Woods, Boston; Billy Wyat[illegible] Trenton, N. J.; Rudy Zadell, Barberton, O.

Class 4

Charley Adams, Los Angeles; Tony Alexande[illegible] Philadelphia; Vic Amato, New York; Ralph Am[illegible] brose, San Francisco; Henry Anderson, Oakland[illegible] Leroy Andrews, Albany, N. Y.; Ross Anzalon[illegible] New York; Jackie Armstrong, Manchest[illegible] N. H.; Jesse Baker, Roanoke, Va.; Tony Baldon[illegible] Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Frank Balestra, Brookly[illegible] N. Y.; Charley Banks, Buffalo, N. Y.; Em[illegible] Barao, Haywood, Calif.; Melvin Bartholomew[illegible] New Orleans; Tommy Bazzano, Middletow[illegible] Conn.; Elmer Belts, Los Angeles; Charlie Be[illegible] nett, Washington, D. C.; Sonny Bentley, Phila[illegible] delphia; Dick Bighley, St. Paul, Minn.; Benn[illegible] Black, San Diego; Jackie Botnovich, Monaca[illegible] Pa.; Bill Bradley, New Castle, Pa.; Georg[illegible] Branch, Newark, N. J.; Gene Brown, Omaha[illegible] Neb.; Lawrence Brown, Los Angeles.

Carmine Caffarello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vinc[illegible] Callahan, Boston; Paul Cannon, Memphis, Tenn[illegible] Al Caprio, New York; Joe Carey, Somervill[illegible] Mass.; Frankie Carini, New York; Johnny Ca[illegible] ter, Utica, N. Y.; Tommy Chamberlain, Trenton[illegible] N. J.; Jimmy Cone, Kokomo, Ind.; James Co[illegible] roy, New York; Rocky Corkins, Los Angeles[illegible] Jack Crackwell, Los Angeles; Charles Cotto[illegible] Toledo, O.; Al (Pinkie) Cowan, Spokane, Wash.[illegible] Johnny Crosby, New York; Tello Cruz, Los An[illegible] geles; Steve Cauerbak, Old Bridge, N. J.; Chuc[illegible] Cureton, Hawaii.

Al D'Ambrosio, New York; Sammy Daniel[illegible] Baltimore; Calvin Davis, New York; Rocc[illegible] DeCiantis, Providence, R. I.; Billy Decker, Miami[illegible] Fla.; Mike DeCosmo, Elizabeth, N. J.; Frankie[illegible] Dell, New York; Jimmy DeMetrios, New York[illegible] Wilf Desjardins, Spokane, Wash.; Baby Joe[illegible] Diaz, Havana, Cuba; Jimmy Dinardo, Berlin[illegible] N. H.; Bill Dooley, New York; Billy Dove, Cliff[illegible] side Park, N. J.; Johnny Dudley, Des Moines[illegible] Ia.; Joey Dunn, Jacksonville, Fla.; Len Durham[illegible] New York; Tommy Englehart, New York; Billy[illegible] Epps, Los Angeles.

Joey Fernandez, New York; Frank Fisher, New[illegible] York; Tiger Flowers, Worcester, Mass.; Earl[illegible] Flynn, San Francisco; Bruce Foote, Endicott[illegible] N. Y.; Jackie Ford, Baltimore; Johnny Freeman[illegible] Fall River, Mass.; Howard Friedman, New York[illegible] Freddie Frye, Newark, N. J.; Bobby Fuller, Bos[illegible] ton; Malcolm Gaines, Philadelphia; Billy Gal[illegible] lagher, Camden, N. J.; Freddie Garcia, Los[illegible] Angeles; George Gervin, Montreal, Canada[illegible] Willie Giano, Rochester, N. Y.; Chuck Gibbons[illegible] Elwood City, Pa.; Ralph Gigante, New York[illegible] Billy (Lou) Gillespie, New York; Flash Gordon[illegible] San Diego; Hubert Gray, Wichita Falls, Tex.[illegible] Ralph Gutteriz, Los Angeles.

George Hammond, Riverside, N. J.; Art Harris[illegible] Philadelphia; Harry Hart, Delaware, O.; Paul[illegible] Hawks, Beacon, N. Y.; Glen Hendershot, Johnson[illegible] City, N. Y.; Roosevelt Henry, New York; Diego[illegible] Hidalgo, Des Moines, Ia.; Doyle Hirt, Grand[illegible] Rapids, Mich.; Eddie Hollaway, Philadelphia[illegible] Lenny Holton, St. Louis; Eddie Holtz, Atlantic[illegible] City, N. J.; Russell Howard, New York; Babe[illegible] Huerta, Los Angeles; Baby Ike, California; Bill[illegible] Irons, Minneapolis, Minn.; Frankie Ivan, Dayton[illegible] O.; Ray Jackson, New York; Lee James, Los[illegible] Angeles; Isaac Jenkins, New York; Ward Jen[illegible] kins, San Francisco; Rolly Johns, Albany, N. Y.[illegible] Melvin Johnson, Chicago; Louis Jordan, San[illegible] Francisco; Billy Justice, Philadelphia; Walter[illegible] Keene, New York; Norman Kelly, New York[illegible] Joe Kezele, Warren, O.; Cocoa Kid, Detroit[illegible] Philip Kim, Honolulu; Mike Konnors, New York.

Buzz Lanning, Ottumwa, Ia.; Eddie LeBoeuf, Montreal, Canada; Frankie Lemire, Providence,

R. I.; Eddie Letourneau, Sanford, Me.; Solly Levitt, New York; Dave Linder, San Francisco; Jack Lisle, Savannah, Ga.; Al Lockwood, New York; Enrique Lopez, New York; Richard Lopez, Los Angeles; Bill Louderman, Dallas, Tex.; Ray Louis, San Diego; Columbus Lowman, Buffalo, N. Y.; Leonard Lukes, New York; Johnny Luz, New Bedford, Mass.

Herman McCray, Philadelphia; Joe McDonald, Charleston, R. I.; Young McElroy, Phoenix, Ariz.; Johnny McKenzie, New York; Jimmy McPartland, New York; Armando Machin, New York; Tommy Mack, Springfield, Mass.; Blaine Macomber, Guilford, Me.; Bobby Maloney, Los Angeles; Tony Marino, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Harry Marshall, Detroit; Joe Martino, Newark, N. J.; Hy Melzer, New York; Dave Meredith, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Hal Meredith, Macon, Ga.; Vince Merello, Philadelphia; Bob Miller, New York; Tommy Mills, New York; Mac Mitchell, New York; Jess Mull, San Diego; Joe Murray, New York; Ted Murray, New York; Eric Myric, Washington, D. C.

Tony Netro, Cleveland; Jim Nickers, New York; Billy Nixon, Philadelphia; Cagey Norris, Los Angeles; Emmett Norris, Steelton, Pa.; Eddie O'Tash, Bridgeport, Conn.; Roughhouse Oliver, San Francisco; Charlie Pappas, Boston; Bill Partin, Akron, O.; Billy Patterson, New York; Billy Paul, Roxbury, Mass.; Lou Paul, Boston; Tommy Peavy, Jacksonville, Fla.; Freddy Pedreiere, New York; Ernie Pelaia, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Earl Peoples, New York; Whirley Peppers, San Francisco; Dave Peters, New York; Ernie Petrone, Southwark, Pa.; Walter Petty, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Pierce, Vancouver, B. C.; Ralph Pileggi, New York; Mike Pizza, Trenton, N. J.; Buster Price, Houston, Tex.; Nick Primiani, Montreal, Canada; Ted Pritchard, New York; Chuck Putney, Payette, Ida.

Silent Ramponi, Oakland; Frank Ray, Chicago; Clarence Reed, Sacramento, Calif.; Al Reed, Greenwood, S. C.; Bill Richardson, Baltimore; Eddie Richmond, Providence, R. I.; Hal Robbins, Vancouver, B. C.; Henry Roberts, Los Angeles; Jim Robnett, Knoxville, Ia.; Larry Rosenfield, Jersey City, N. J.; Frankie Ross, Boston; Ernest Rowell, Detroit; Danny Ruggiero, New York; Lou Russo, New York.

Mike Saad, Manchester, N. H.; Phil Saad, Bridgeport, Conn.; Gene Salisbury, Bergen, N. J.; Phil Sampson, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Jimmy Sauer, Cambridge, Mass.; Carlin Scott, New York; Pete Servin, El Paso, Tex.; Jimmy Shans, Los Angeles; Danny Shea, Worcester, Mass.; Tommy Shonk, Detroit; Louis Simon, Los Angeles; Buck Slocum, Philadelphia; Rocky Slyapick, Detroit; Al Smith, Los Angeles; Billy Smith, Medford, Mass.; Connie Smith, Los Angeles; Oscar Smith, San Francisco; Ray Solomon, Washington, D. C.; Billy Squall, Pittsburgh; Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, Mass.; Claude Sullard, Wichita, Kan.; Jimmy Swan, Atlantic City, N. J.; Ray Sykes, Boston.

Carl Taulman, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Tommy Taylor, Cleveland; Terry Tenore, Hoboken, N. J.; Herb Tessier, Springfield, Mass.; John Thomas, Cleveland; Roy Thomas, New York; Stokes Thomas, Newark, N. J.; Tommy Thomas, Newark, N. J.; Billy Truell, Providence, R. I.; Iggy Vaccari, Boston; Johnny Valdez, Des Moines, Ia.; Neil Vetrano, Montclair, N. J.; Vepe Watson, Oakland; Junius West, New Orleans; Roger Whynott, Halifax, N. S.; Bobby Williams, New York; Eldred (Fox) Williams, New York; Louis Williams, Canton, O.; Mel Williams, Trenton, N. J.; Kid Willie, Washington, D. C.; Leroy Willis, Oakland; Jackie Wilson, Topeka, Kan.; Tress Wilson, Philadelphia; Woody Winslow, New York; Dick Wolf, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Junius Woods, Buffalo, N. Y.; Woody Woods, Detroit; Eddie York, Boston.

Lightweights
World Champion
Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

(Group 1)

1—Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

(Group 2)

1—Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.
3—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
4—Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill.
5—Jesse Flores, Stockton, Calif.
6—Johnny Williams, Montgomery, Ala.
7—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
8—Paddy DeMarco, New York, N. Y.
9—Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Bolton Ford, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Paulino Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Pierre Montane, France

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Class 1

Ernesto Aguilar, Mexico; Anthony Arnone, New Orleans; Dennis Pat Brady, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Bratton, Chicago; Santa Bucca, Philadelphia; Solly Cantor, New York; James Carter, New York; Del Cockayne, Des Moines, Ia.; Jimmy Collins, Philadelphia; Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles; Cliff Curvis, Swansea, Wales.

John L. Davis, Richmond, Calif.; Ted Davis, New York; Andre Famechon, France; Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.; Frank Flannery, Australia; Lalo Gallardo, Mexico City, Mex.; Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Tex.; Norman Gent, Australia; Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia; Andre Gonnet, France.

Keith Hamilton, New Orleans; Jack Hassen, Australia; Chief Gordon House, Houston, Tex.; Harry Hughes, Wisham, Scot.; Buddy Jacklich, San Francisco; Harold Jones, Detroit; Archie Kemp, Australia; Harry La Sane, Houston, Tex.; Bobby McQuillar, Pt. Huron, Mich.; Tony Mar, Galveston, Tex.; Tote Martinez, San Francisco; Aldo Minelli, Italy.

Al Phillips, Algate, Eng.; Roberto Proietti, Italy; Willie Russell, Columbus, O.; Maxie Shapiro, New York; Richie Shinn, San Francisco; Billy Thompson, Hickleton Main, England; Mickey Tollis, Australia; Mario Trigo, Los Angeles; Danny Webb, Montreal, Canada; Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.; Sonny Boy West, Washington, D. C.; Leroy Willis, Detroit; Terry Young, New York.

Class 2

Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Luis Arguelles, Mexico; Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, Eng.; Tommy Barnham, Fulham, Eng.; Arturo Barron, Los Angeles; Willie Beltram, New York; Bernie Bernard, New York; Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Tex.; Joe Brown, New Orleans; Talmadge Bussey, Detroit; Joey Carkido, Youngstown, O.; Eduardo Carrasco, Peru; Nunzio Carto, Philadelphia; Lou Casiano, New York; Fabela Chavez, Los Angeles; Willie Cheatum, Philadelphia; Auriello Cruz, Mexico City, Mex.

Tom Dalton, Chicago; Hirsch Demsitz, Denmark; Nick Diaz, Los Angeles; Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati; Alfredo Escobar, Los Angeles; Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, Eng.; Juste Fontaine, Pittsburgh; Johnny Forte, Philadelphia; Hermie Freeman, Portland, Me.; Al Gaultiere, Louisville, Ky.; Kid Germain, Barbadoes; Tommy Greb, Boston; Richard (Kid) Howard, Halifax, N. S.; Ernie Hunick, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Paulie Jackson, Reading, Pa.; Julio Jiminez, Mexico City, Mex.; Murray Jones, England; Louis Joyce, Philadelphia; Warren Kendall, Tonyrefail, Wales; Joey Kushner, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tony LaBua, New York; Eddie Lander, Chicago; Johnny La Russo, New York; Charley (Cabey) Lewis, New York; Zeke Lucero, Mission, Calif.

Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, Eng.; Leo Melito, New York; Wilfredo Miro, Havana, Cuba; Keith Nuttall, Brigham, Utah; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Eddie Prince, Detroit; Felix Ramirez, San Jose, Calif.; Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J.; Bob Sandberg, Rockford, Ill.; George Smith, Haverstraw, N. Y.; Harry (Snuffy) Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; Gene Spencer, Chicago; Nick Stato, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo, N. Y.; Phil Terranova, New York; Blond Tiger, Lowell, Mass.; Bobby Timpson, Youngstown, O.; Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va.; Archie Wilmer, Philadelphia; Al Zamora, Mexico; Jay White, Jersey City, N. J.

Class 3

Blondy Baggett, Tampa, Fla.; Andres Balderas, Mexico; Al Baldisano, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Joey Belfiore, New York; Pat Brady, New York; Felix Bueno, San Jose, Calif.; Richie Callura, Oakland; Bob Carew, Des Moines, Ia.; Juan Carrero, Puerto Rico; Wray Carter, Chicago; Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati; Mario Coll, Havana, Cuba; Paul Cook, Tacoma, Wash.; Joey Costa, Springfield, Mass.; Vic Creelman, St. Cloud, Minn.

Johnny DeFazio, Bayonne, N. J.; Johnny Dell, New York; Oliver Desmarais, Manchester, N. H.; Tony Ducharme, Montreal, Canada; Bobby Dykes, Houston, Tex.; Frankie Fay, New Bedford, Mass.; Lester Felton, Detroit; Nat Harden, New York; Al Jordan, Milwaukee, Wis.; Lenny LaBrutta, Elizabeth, N. J.; Lefty LaChance, Lisbon, Me.; Ray Lewis, New York.

Steve Marcello, Providence, R. I.; Jerry Meckler, Detroit; Johnny Miller, Stockton, Calif.; Billy Murphy, New York; Richie Orange, New York; Al Pennino, New York; Johnny Priest, Cambridge, Mass.; Luis Ramos, Puerto Rico; Luther Rawlings, Chicago; Tony Riccio, Boston; Jim Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Bobby Rosado, New York; Chucho Ruiz, Mexeico City, Mex.

Charley Scott, Covington, Ky.; Dave Seabrook, Jacksonville, Fla.; Pat Shannon, Everett, Mass.; Calvin Smith, Philadelphia; Dick Smith, Los Angeles, Jimmy Tarangelo, New York; Maurice Therriault, Montreal, Canada; Paul Thibeault, Montreal, Canada; Lem Thomas, Los Angeles; Mannie Torres, Phoenix, Ariz.; Saul Torres, Mexico; Simon Waite, Toronto, Canada; Joey Wasnick, New Haven, Conn.; Tommy (Red) Wells, Manchester, N. H.; Archie Whitewater, San Jose; Louis Williams, Kansas City, Mo.; Barry Wood, Worcester, Mass.

Class 4

Carl Arakaki, Seattle, Wash.; Nick Arcuri, Jersey City, N. J.; Joe Atria, New York; Felix Ayala, San Diego; Mike Banda, El Paso, Tex.; Jean Barriere, Montreal, Canada; Charlie Baxter, Cincinnati; Bobby Beamon, Indianapolis; Louis Bell, Lowell, Mass.; Cappy Benton, Cincinnati; Lou Bernal, Los Angeles; Eddie Brandt, Dayton, O.; Ollie Brewster, Rome, N. Y.; Chuck Brown, Portland, Ore.; Frankie Brown, San Francisco; Danny Butler, New York.

Ron Cannon, Los Angeles; Rene Cantero, Cuba; Sidney Caples, Kansas City, Mo.; Willie Carrion, New York; Earl Carroll, Haverhill, Mass.; Ronnie Carroll, Windsor, Ont.; Joe Cascella, Staten Island, N. Y.; Johnny Castor, Baltimore; Lou Castrilli, New York; Billy Catalatto, New York; Leonard Ceasar, Jersey City, N. J.; Jimmy Champagne, Philadelphia; Chivero Chavez, Los Angeles; Billy Cody, New York; Billy Cofield, Baltimore; Louis Cooper, Philadelphia; Herman Cosgrove, Montreal, Canada; Luis Crumes, Des Moines, Ia.; Clem Custer, Detroit; Roy Culbertson, New York.

Paulie Davis, St. Louis; Ernie DeFrance, Wichita, Kan.; Ronald Delaney, Akron, O.; Bobby DeMonce, New York; Fred Dillon, Boulder, Colo.; Manuel Dizon, San Antonio, Tex.; Jim Dockery, Chester, Pa.; Jim Donnelly, New York; Charlie Donovan, New York; Eddie Dorsch, New York; Bill Downing, Englewood, N. J.; Georges (Curley) Drouin, Beverly, Mass.; Bobby Duquette, Boston; Bobby English, Fall River, Mass.; Jim Enopia, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Alvaro Estrada, New York; Jimmy Evans, Syracuse, N. Y.

Joey Fagan, Pt. Richmond, Pa.; Bill Feeney, Bayonne, N. J.; Ralph Ferrera, Miami, Fla.; Pete Ferrente, New York; Lou Filippo, Los Angeles; Carmine Fiore, New York.

Tony Foto, New Orleans; Joe Gabriel, Orange, N. J.; Red Gaddis, Washington, D. C.; Reuben Garcia, Los Angeles; Walter Gomes, New Bedford, Mass.; Greg Gomez, New York; Charley Green, Baltimore; Tony Guina, Milwaukee, Wis.

Walter Haines, New York; Frankie Hamilton, Montreal, Canada; Ronnie Harper, Logan, W. Va.; Joey Hartigan, New Orleans; Moe Harvey, Youngstown, O.; Jimmy Hegeman, New York; Joe Henderson, Detroit; Billy Henderson, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Bobby Henry, Albany, N. Y.; Freddie Herman, Phoenix, Ariz.; Norman Hill, Springfield, Mass.; Carter Holmes, Boston; Snooks Howard, Charlotte, N. C.; George Hunter, Philadelphia; Johnny Jamison, Philadelphia; Louis Jamison, San Diego; Emil Jean, Manchester, N. H.; Jimmy Jeannette, Bayonne, N. J.; Johnny Johniken, New York; Herbie (Biff) Jones, Washington, D. C.; Harold Jordan, Los Angeles; Vernon Jordan, Los Angeles.

Joe Kay, Liverpool, Eng.; Joe Kelly, Cincinnati; Ernie Kerber, Jersey City, N. J.; Walter Keyes, Greenville, S. C.; Jerry King, Providence, R. I.; Tom King, Quincy, Mass.; Ray Klingmyer, Baltimore; Walter Kolby, Blasdell, N. Y.; Joey Krikas, New York; Stan Kursa, Detroit; Gerald Labroi, Chicago; John Labroi, Gary, Ind.; Bobby LaLonde, Cincinnati; Joe Legon II, Havana, Cuba; Buddy Lessard, Manchester, N. H.; Dick Lewis, Columbus, O.; Oscar Lewis, New York; Sol Lewis, Louisville, Ky.; Bruno Lijoi, New York; Roy Love, New York; Puggy Lyons, Washington, D. C.

Jimmy McLarnin, New Bedford, Mass.; Jimmy Maddox, Tampa, Fla.; Manuel Madrid, Mexico; Johnny Marino, New York; Dave Martinez, Los Angeles; Doug Medley, Louisville, Ky.; Vince Melito, New York; Bob Miller, Philadelphia; Klay Milliron, Akron, O.; Hermon Mills, Chicago; Fred Monforte, New York; Manuel Montez, San Jose; Russ Moore, Kansas City, Mo.; Johnny Moran, New York; Frankie Muche, Niles, O.; Larry Mujica, New York; Herbert Muller, New Orleans; Billy Murray, Boston.

Mel Neary, Philadelphia; Bobby Nichols, Hackensack, N. J.; Ernest Nogues, Tampa, Fla.; Gene O'Connor, Holyoke, Mass.; Paul O'Hara, New York; Pat O'Leary, Denver, Colo.; Packy O'Neil, Springfield, Mass.; Romero Ouimet, Montreal, Canada; Ernie Pacheco, Oakland, Calif.; Billy Palumbo, Fleetville, Pa.; Percy Paris, New Glasgow, N. S.; Ernie Parker, New York; Jay Parlin, Philadelphia; Al Payette, Quebec, Canada; Red Perkins, Lynn, Mass.; Alfredo Pescatore, Naples, Italy; Henry Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Bobby Pooler, Portland, Me.; Filio Prado, Mexico City, Mex.; Paul Puglia, New York; Bernardo Ramirez, Mexico City, Mex.; Ray Ramon, New Orleans; Julius Reed, Atlantic City, N. J.; Felix Rodondo, Bayonne, N. J.; Alfred Rojas, New York; Johnny Rowe, Rochester, N. Y.; Mario Rucci, Worcester, Mass.

Vince Sabatini, Atlantic City, N. J.; Jess Salazar, San Francisco; Reuben Salazar, San Jose; Al Sandoval, Los Angeles; Ray Sandoval, Los Angeles; Willie Serrano, Puerto Rico; Wayne Sheppard, Oakland; Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Wilbur Shields, Baltimore; Billy Simmons, Boston; Jimmy Sims, Philadelphia; Alfred E. Smith, New York; Art Smith, Providence, R. I.; Don Smith, Wichita, Kan.; Freddie Smith, New York; Jake Smith, Miami, Fla.; Jackie Solomon, Johannesburg, So. Africa; Danny Stepanovich, New Orleans; Billy Stevens, New York; Willie Stevenson, Providence, R. I.; Hugh Sublett, Detroit; Barney Taylor, Utica, N. Y.; Eddie Thomas, Philadelphia; Bob Torrence, Los Angeles; Sixto Tosado, New York; Johnny Turner, Los Angeles.

Doyle Upchurch, Indianapolis; Tommy Vargas, San Diego; Johnny Villaneuva, Pittsburgh; Jimmy Vincent, Lowell, Mass.; Buddy Washington, Pocatello, Ida.; Jackie Watkins, Homestead, Pa.; Jay Watkins, Flint, Mich.; Jim Watkins, New London, Conn.; Ted Weems, Chicago; Earl Wenbourne, Wayne, Neb.; Eddie White, Jamaica, N. Y.; Johnny White, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; Baby Face Williams, New Orleans; Harold Wilson, San Francisco; Vic Young, Saco, Me.; Jimmy Zaicko, Baltimore; Sammy Zelman, Los Angeles; Raul Zenit, Mexico.

Featherweights
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)

1—Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.
2—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
3—Ray Famechon, France
4—Miguel Acevedo, Havana, Cuba
5—Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn.
6—Tirso del Rosario, Manila, P. I.

7—Eddie Miller, Australia
8—Johnny Molloy, St. Helens, England
9—Elis Ask, Finland
10—Harold Dade, Chicago
11—Henry Davis, Honolulu, T. H.
12—Eddie Compo, New Haven, Conn.
13—Ron Draper, Southampton, England

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Class 1

Cliff Anderson, British Guiana; Jackie Blair, Los Angeles; Dino Bleta, Canton, O.; Tommy Burns, Stockton, Eng.; Luther Burgess, Detroit; Jose Cardenas, Mexico; Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, Eng.; Joey Dolan, Spokane, Wash.

Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.; Luis Fuentes, Havana, Cuba; Baby Jose Gonzales, Los Angeles; Timothy (Buddy) Hayes, Boston; Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, Eng.; Leo LeBrun, New York; Tony Lombard, South Africa; Leonardo Lopez, Mexico City, Mex; Jimmy McAllister, Baltimore; Jean Machtelinck, Belgium; Eddie Miller, Australia; Ciro Moracen, Cuba; Manny Ortega, El Paso, Tex.

Charley Riley, St. Louis; Lauro Salas, Mexico; Humberto Sierra, Havana, Cuba; Diego Sosa, Havana, Cuba; Kid Tanner, British Guiana; Panchito Uribe, Mexico; Joe Velez, Seattle, Wash.; Kid Zefine, Panama; Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba.

Class 2

Mimmie Adragna, Carnegie, Pa.; Carroll Alexander, Washington, D. C.; Joe Amaya, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Manuel Anduha, Manila, P. I.; Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Canada; Joe Barone, Pittsburgh; Percy Bassett, Philadelphia; Tomas Beato, Santo Domingo; Danny Carabella, New York; Joey Clemo, Portland, Ore.; Ray Edwards, New York.

Tiger Gallant, Gardner, Mass.; Lino Garcia, Havana, Cuba; Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.; Bernie Grant, Australia; Cliff Jones, Australia; Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati; Bobby Jackson, Los Angeles; Charlie Johnson, Tacoma, Wash.; Jock Leslie, Flint, Mich.; Jackie McCoy, Los Angeles; Freddie Maes, Denver, Colo.; Eddie Marotta, Cleveland; Chico Morales, Havana, Cuba; Nipper O'Brien, Australia; Joey Ortega, Vanport, O.; Filberto Osario, New York; Rustico Quicho, Manila, P. I.; Jean Richard, Montreal, Canada.

Henry Schillizzi, Middle Village, N. Y.; Ted Sprouster, Australia; George Stewart, Hamilton, Scot.; Teddy Swain, Toronto, Canada; Pee Wee Swingler, Los Angeles; Jimmy Toweel, South Africa; Roy Treasure, Australia; Jackie Turpin, Leamington, Eng.; Ken Wenman, Australia; Auggie Yarratt, Louisville, Ky.

Class 3

Lou Alter, Canada; Bobby Bell, Youngstown, O.; Andy Bishop, Fall River, Mass.; Lee Bohles, Cleveland; Charley Burton, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Callura, Hamilton, Ont.; Frankie (Kit) Carson, Newark, N. J.; Tom Collins, Boston; Jimmy Cooper, Washington, D. C.; Jackie Cunningham, Garfield, N. J.; Russ Davis, Trenton, N. J.; Archie Devino, Newark, N. J.; Harry Diduck, New York; Joe Disoso, Los Angeles; Vic Eisen, Buffalo, N. Y.; Nero Ferry, Fall River, Mass.; Javier Gutteriez, Mexico City, Mex.

Vic Haller, Springfield, Mass.; Mel Hammond, Minneapolis, Minn.; Proctor Heinhold, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Joe Johnson, New Orleans; Aaron Joshua, San Francisco; Young Junior, Springfield, Mass.; Maurice LaChappelle, Canada; George LaFalgio, New York; Louis Langley, New York; Billy Lima, Boston; Danny Martin, Detroit; Tsuneshi Maruo, Honolulu; Pat Murphy, Racine, Wis.; Bernie Peters, New York.

Dom Saia, Boston; Joey Salcone, Warren, O.; Floyd Shiflett, Rome, Ga.; Charley Titone, New York; Jose Aponte Torres, New York; Val Valentine, Delta, Colo.; Tito Valles, New York; Billy Watson, Australia; Johnny Wolgast, Philadelphia; Russ Woods, Australia; George Wright, Philadelphia.

Class 4

Willie Alexander, Chester, Pa.; Davey Allen, New York; Frank Almond, Vancouver, B. C.; George Araujo, Fox Point, R. I.; Al Arenas, Los Angeles; Henry Armstrong, Flint, Mich.; Angel Ayala, New York; Eddie Berry, Brockton, Mass.; Johnny Best, Montreal, Canada; Frankie BiFulco, Buffalo, N. Y.; Ozzie Biggie, Los Angeles; Doc Blanchard, Boston; Joey Boldus, Boston; Roosevelt Bonner, Los Angeles; Ralph Booker, Paterson, N. J.; Jimmy Brown, Baltimore; Jim Brunton, Springfield, Mass.

Harry Caminita, New Orleans; Johnny Carr, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benny Chavez, Los Angeles; Cadillac Clemons, Hollywood; Joe Criss, Boston; Rocky Dadio, Grafton Hill, Mass.; Nick Darby, New York; George Decker, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rolando Delgado, Havana, Cuba; Mike Della, Bayonne, N. J.; Lawton Disoso, New Orleans; Walter Doktor, New York; Eddie Drake, Meriden, Conn.; Ray Dulmaine, Worcester, Mass.; Art Edmundson, Cincinnati; Chuck Edwards, San Jose, Calif; Mal Evans, Providence, R. I.; Danny Falcone, Manchester, N. H.; Sal Ferello, New York; Orlando Fernandez, Tampa, Fla.; Bill Forde, New York; Ivor Fredericks, New York; Rocky Fusco, Staten Island, N. Y.

Davey Gallardo, Los Angeles; Roberto Galvan, Los Angeles; Joey Garcia, Houston, Tex.; Jose Garcia, Puerto Rico; Mel Girard, New Bedford, Mass.; Gene Gomez, Boston; Jimmy Godding, Portland, Ore.; Red Grant, Toledo, O.; Billy Gray, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rocky Haro, Los Angeles; Stan Hartman, Ashtabula, O.; Harry Harvey, Savannah, Ga.; Manuel Hernandez, Mexico City, Mex.; Billy Herrera, Los Angeles; Freddie Herrera, Hollywood; Mamoru Hirota, Hawaii; Sidney Hitchins, Los Angeles; Leon Hudson, Cambridge, Mass.; Lloyd Hudson, Bath, Me.; Art Irlando, Denver, Colo.

Frankie Jayne, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Bee Jiminez, Los Angeles; Paul Jones, Trenton, N. J.; Leo Kelly, Scranton, Pa.; Puggy King, Washington, D. C.; George Knox, Newark, N. J.; Frankie LaCroix, Hartford, Conn.; Jimmy Lamprey, Grafton Hill, Mass.; Willie Leo, Portland, Me.; Artie Levine, Bayonne, N. J.; Billy Liggett, Trenton, N. J.; Johnny Longo, New Orleans; Tony Longo, Baltimore; Buddy Love, Kansas City, Mo.

Harold McDonald, Omaha, Neb.; Charles McGarry, Rahway, N. J.; Chuck McGow, Indianapolis; Frankie Martin, Plymouth, Mass.; Hollywood Martin, Denver, Colo.; Gil Martinez, Sacramento, Calif.; Clarence Marvin, Stockton, Calif.; Davey Mendoza, Hollywood; George Mendoza, Los Angeles; Bill Miller, New York; Dick Minjarez, Mexico; McKinley Mishaux, Rochester, N. Y.; Joe Monteiro, Wareham, Mass.; Jimmy Morioka, Toronto, Canada; Gil Napier, San Diego; Joey Nesto, Pittsburgh.

Johnny O'Keefe, Lowell, Mass.; Hank Okura, Chicago; Artie Olson, Utica, N. Y.; Torito Ortega, Cuba; Pancho Pena, San Francisco; Trini Perez, Los Angeles; Eddie Reyes, Honolulu; Luis Reyes, Mexico; Joe Rigano, New York; Domingo Rivera, Puerto Rico; Frankie Rivera, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul Roach, Boston; Billy Robb, Philadelphia; Billy Roberts, Portland, Me.; Armando Rodriguez, Puerto Rico; Joe Rodriguez, Philadelphia; Joe Romano, Ravenna, O.; Jim Rooney, Bridgeport, Conn.; Benny Rubin, Erie, Pa.; Ramon Ruiz, Mexico.

Lorenzo Safora, Havana, Cuba; Gene Salaco, New York; John Salamone, New York; Santo Salas, Mexico; Sam Sanchez, New York; Negro Sandoval, Mexico City, Mex.; Joey Scarlato, New York; Johnny Scott, Westover, Mass.; Eduardo Serratos, Mexico; Johnny Sheridan, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Freddy Silvano, Hawaii; Larry Sloan, Montreal, Canada; Marvin Smith, Wichita, Kan.; Maxie Spoon, Montreal, Canada; Sammy Stein, New York; Jerry Strutz, Portland, Ore.; Jimmy Sulla, Philadelphia; Chuck Taylor, Worcester, Mass.; Isaac Thomas, Bangor, Me.; Reuben Torres, Mexico; Johnny Travis, Framingham, Mass.; Dave Tyson, Pt. Huron, Mich.; Rudy Vasquez, Los Angeles; Jesse Watson, Omaha, Neb.; Eddie Webb, New Orleans; Bert Weeks, Baltimore; Bobby Why, Los Angeles; Chuck Wilkerson, Los Angeles; James Williams, New York; Bernard Wortman, New Orleans; Lee Young, Philadelphia.

Bantamweights
World Champion
Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.

(Group 1)
1—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.
2—Cecil Schoonmaker, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Luis Romero, Spain
4—Guido Ferracin, Italy
5—Memo Valero, Mexico
6—Chico Rosa, Honolulu, T. H.
7—David Kui Kong Young, Honolulu, T. H.
8—Jackie Paterson, Glasgow, Scotland

(Group 2)
1—Stan Rowan, Liverpool, England
2—Theo Medina, France
3—Georges Mousse, France
4—Luis Galvani, Havana, Cuba
5—Terry Allen, Islington, England
6—Elley Bennett, Australia
7—Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, England
8—Armando Puenti Pi, Havana, Cuba
9—Fernando Gagnon, Disraeli, Canada
10—Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Algeria

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Class 1

Mike Bernal, Oakland; Tino Cardinale, Italy; Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, Scot.; Joe Cornelis, Italy; Luis de Santiago, Spain; Eddie (Bunty) Doran, Belfast, Ire.; Callostro Etter, Switzerland; Luis Fernandez, France; Jesus Fonseca, Mexico; Gus Foran, Merseyside, Eng.; Billy Herbert, Australia; Peter Kane, Golbourne, Eng.; Norman Lewis, Nantymoel, Wales.

Mickey McKay, South Africa; Danny O'Sullivan, Islington, Eng.; Sammy Reynolds, Wolverhamton, Eng.; Jim Warnock, Belfast, Ire.; Jimmy Webster, Canning Town, Eng.

Class 2

Kenny Adams, Westerly, Mass.; William Brown, Honolulu; Julio Colon, New York; Maurice Fredericks, New York; Mickey Harris, Cleveland; Tom Healy, New York; Roy Higa, California; Calvin Leigh, Rochester, N. Y.; Gus Rosa, Hawaii; Tiger Rosa, Hawaii; Babe Ruiz, Mexico; Jorge Sanchez, Puerto Rico; Reuben Smith, Los Angeles; Lamar Tate, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mario Tiwanak, Honolulu; Marce Totor, Honolulu; Jim Watkins, New York; Tommy Yamaoka, Los Angeles; Mickey Young, Flint, Mich.

Flyweights
World Champion
Rinty Monaghan, Belfast, Ireland

(Group 1)
1—Rinty Monaghan, Belfast, Ireland
2—Maurice Sandeyron, France
3—Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury, England
4—Dado Marino, Honolulu, T.H.
5—Monito Flores, Mexico City, Mex.
6—Louis Skena, France
7—Emile Famechon, France
8—Charley Squire, Coventry, England
9—Honore Pratesi, Italy

(Group 2)
1—Black Pico, Havana, Cuba
2—Jackie Bryce, Edinburgh, Scotland
3—Mickey Hill, Australia
4—Luis Fuentes, Havana, Cuba
5—Jimmy Hogg, Australia
6—Taffy Hancock, Australia
7—Raoul Degryse, Belgium
8—Norman Tennant, Dundee, Scotland

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Class 1

Ian Bignall, Australia; Jackie Briers, Belfast, Ire.; Danny Carabella, New York, N. Y.; Joe Curran, Liverpool, Eng.; Eddie Douglas, Liverpool, Eng.; Jackie Fairclough, Preston, Eng.

Tommy Farracker, Manchester, Eng.; Kid Independence, Manila, P.I.; Les Johnson, London, Eng.; Peter Keenan, Anderston, Scot.; Guido Nardecchia, Italy; Ike Weir, Belfast, Ire.; Charlie Wilson, Manchester, Eng.; Pablo Zamora, Mexico.

Class 2

Johnny Arduini, Gloucester, Eng.; Buddy Baggett, Dallas, Tex.; Peter Fay, Gloucester, Eng.; Peter Foster, Ireland; Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.; Gus Harris, Wisbech, Eng.; Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, Eng.; Jimmy Jennings, Clayton, Eng.; Oscar Suarez, Havana, Cuba; Lou Yonkers, Roanoke, Va.

CALIFORNIA RATINGS FOR 1948

By HARRY WINKLER

Heavyweights—Pat Valentino, Turkey Thompson, Rusty Payne, Tony Bosnich, Willie Bean.

Light-heavies—Archie Moore, Oakland Billy Smith, Leonard Morrow, Lloyd Marshall, Dave Whitlock.

Middleweights—Fred Apostoli, Bob Murphy, Don Lee, J. T. Ross, Johnny Duke.

Welterweights—Bernard Docusen, George (Sugar) Costner, Earl Turner, Jackie Wilson, Irvin Steen.

Lightweights—Enrique Bolanos, Tommy Campbell, Maxie Docusen, Jesse Flores, Rudy Cruz.

Featherweights—Carlos Chavez (though in all his fights this year he has weighed 130 pounds or more), Harold Dade, Baby Gonzales, Lauro Salas, Jackie McCoy.

Bantamweights—Harold Dade, Cecil Schoonmaker, Luis Castillo, Mike Bernal, Jorge Sanchez.

Flyweight—Alfredo Chavez.

CUBAN RATING OF BOXERS FOR 1948

By DR. J. A. VIEITES

Heavyweights—Omelio Agramonte, Jose Morenaje, Giraldo Valdes, Aldo Rodriguez.

Light-heavyweights—Yova Kid, Cecil Valdes, Tony Casas, Carlos Ramirez, Raoul Moran, Luis Valledor, Juan Naranjo, Anastasio Mederos.

Middleweights—Jesus Vila, Kid Tunero, Mario Ochoa, Pedro Triana, Diosmedes Piloto, Lino Armenteros, Luis Villa, Jesus LaMela, Florentino Baro.

Welterweights—Gavilan Kid, Baby Coullimber, Orlando Cepeda, Raul Perez, Joe Molina, Jesus Varona, Julio Pedroso, Wilfredo Miro, Rosendo Perez.

Lightweights—Orlando Zulueta, Bonbon Oriental, Miguel Medivil, Kid Bururu, Rafael Lastre, Joey Calixto, Tony Alvarez, Damaso Collazo.

Featherweights—Miguel Acevedo, Humberto Sierra, Ciro Morasen, Mario Pacheco, Diego Sosa, Cecil Fernandez.

Bantamweights—Luis Galvani, Armando Puenti Pi, Jorge Sanchez, Billy Lima, Zurdo Garay, Manuel Armenteos, Mario Rivero, Miguel Cairo, Miguel Diaz.

Flyweights—Black Pico, Luis Fuentes, Tomas Vega, Amado Mir.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

REGARDLESS of the real reason for Ray Robinson's walkout on his date with Steve Belloise in the Jersey City Armory, another and more vital problem concerning Sugar Ray now confronts a speculative fistic fraternity.

What's what with Robinson and the world welterweight championship?

Ray hasn't defended his precious laurels since last June 28, when he edged out his No. 1 rival, Bernie Docusen, in a Chicago thriller.

Robinson's six-months' period of grace expired December 28, but as yet no intimation of his future plans has been forthcoming from his Harlem headquarters.

The impression has become a conviction that Ray has finished competing as a welterweight. Getting down to the class limit, 147 pounds, has become a harrowing ordeal for him.

If Robinson officially relinquishes the title, let's hope that, for once, the New York State Athletic Commission gets together on a sensible basis with the National Boxing Association and its world-wide affiliations in an intelligent effort to determine Ray's logical successor.

In the past, the refusal of the New York fistic fathers to cooperate with the N.B.A. in title disputes has produced all sorts of confusing tangles in the various divisions.

When Rinty Monaghan knocked out Jackie Paterson in Belfast for the flyweight title last March, it was the first time in 25 years that every one of the eight fistic classes was able to boast an undisputed world champion.

A pertinent point to bear in mind is that where a WORLD title is concerned, no one individual board has the authority to speak for any territory beyond its own immediate jurisdiction. And, as important as New York may be in boxing's general scheme of things, it certainly is not the entire universe. There are 47 other states in the Union—and Canada, Mexico, South America, the West Indies, Europe, Africa and Australia are other sectors still on the map, at last accounts.

But it shouldn't be too difficult determining the logical successor to Robinson, if Ray relinquishes his welterweight title. From our present point of observation, the four top candidates are Bernie Docusen of New Orleans, Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu, Kid Gavilan of Havana and Gene Burton of New York.

A series of eliminations, involving this quartet, would pretty well settle matters.

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THE passing recently of 91-year-old George F. Johnson, founder of the mammoth Endicott-Johnson Shoe Corporation in Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott, recalled the many sports and recreational ventures sponsored by him as part of an extensive program to keep his employees happy and contented.

Swimming pools, golf courses, playgrounds and athletic fields were among his many generous contributions to the Triple Cities —and there is no estimating the many thousands of dollars he spent to encourage sports events in the thriving communities.

From 1917 to 1920, when professional boxing was illegal in New York—at least, the Frawley law had been repealed, and the sport was tabu in New York City, but up-state centers, using various charitable guises, continued to operate—Johnson brought many a top performer to his bailiwick. He paid them well, even though there was no chance of the box-office returns matching the outlay. For instance, Harry Greb and Mike McTigue fought in a dancing pavilion that couldn't possibly have accommodated more than 750 customers—and, if we recall rightly, the admission price was 50c!

It was during the summer of 1923, when the State Athletic Commission suspended Mickey Walker and declared the world welterweight title vacant, that Dave Shade and Georgie Ward met in the baseball park in Johnson City to determine Mickey's successor. It was an expensive production for old George F. to finance, and it set him back a healthy bundle of cash. But he was well satisfied.

"It was a great show, and worth it," he beamed.

A grand old guy, George F. Johnson. A jittery world could well use a few like him these troubled days.

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UNABLE to locate a doctor for the ailing Park Arena in the Bronx, the LaMottas—brothers Jake and Joey, and papa Joe —have done the next best thing. They've called in a dentist, Dr. Hermann Teschberg. The arrangement calls for Dr. Teschberg to operate rent free—but the LaMottas will keep the weekly $600 television paycheck. At least, they hope to—but wait until the Boxing Managers' Guild gets into action.

Mentioning the LaMottas, here's an interesting note: It was at the St. Nick Arena's opener this season that Jake wrecked Johnny Colan, and convinced him it was time to hang up the gloves. Colan did—and promptly applied for a referee's license. Johnny's first assignment in his new role was on the LaMottas' last card at the Park Arena.

Mike Capriano is considering a jaunt to Guam with featherweight Henry LaSane and lightweight Bobby Rosado for a series of fights there.

Television hurting boxing? Charley Bennett pooh-poohs the suggestion. "It's just the reverse," says Charley. "With the sort of fights going on the air these nights, boxing is more apt to ruin television."

In the midst of the poorest season the St. Nick Arena has experienced since it became part of the 20th Century Club's setup five and a half years ago, Mike Jacobs' organization has renewed its lease there until September, 1950.

Correction, please—it was Johnny Johniken who kayoed Ray Lewis in two rounds at the White Plains Community Center, not the other way 'round, as reported erroneously in last month's results here.

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WRITES Bill Ebel, who, with Marty Fuller, is handling a young Bronx feather, Jack Mulanaphy: "How are these for a series of remarkable coincidences? Mulanaphy lives in the same house, 202 Alexander Avenue, where Frankie Jerome, one of the most popular fighters ever developed in the Bronx, lived when he started fighting. Jack attends St. Jerome Church, from which Frankie took his ring name. Jerome weighed 112 when he fought his first amateur bout in 1915; Mulanaphy scaled the same when he made his amateur debut in 1945—exactly 30 years later. Jerome weighed 124 when he turned pro in 1918, and that was Mulanaphy's poundage when he made his debut in the money ranks in 1948—also 30 years later."

Johnny Summers of Edinburgh, one of Scotland's better flyweights, is said to be heading for the United States, and planning to operate out of Boston. Unfortunately, the 112-pounders are practically extinct on our big-time circuit, and the young man is apt to find it difficult trying to ply his trade here.

On the subject of European visitors, we understand that two of the top middleweights over yonder, Luc van Dam of Holland and Tiberio Mitri of Italy, also will be in our midst shortly. Both lads ought to do well on this side. Van Dam recently lost a close decision to Cyrille Delannoit in Brussels for the vacant European middleweight title, while Mitri held the British champion, Dick Turpin, to a draw in London.

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WHILE promoters and matchmakers in New York's metropolitan area are shedding copious tears all over the landscape, bemoaning the decline in attendances and receipts, it is interesting to note some recent reports that have drifted in from other sectors:

Boston accounted for a $34,490 gate with its Sandy Saddler-

Dennis Pat Brady, Joe Ridone-Pete Mead double windup.

Out in Los Angeles, Enrique Bolanos and Tommy Campbell pulled $43,000 into the box office.

Pittsburgh fans contributed $22,940 to see Lee Sala and Reuben Jones.

Back in action, after a long spell of illness, the veteran Joe Waterman drew $15,752 with his first card in Seattle, Bernie Docusen and a local kid, Buford Ransom, topping the bill.

The annual Christmas Fund show in Cleveland, with a bang-up array that embraced Sandy Saddler and Eddie Giosa, Joey Maxim and Jimmy Bivins, Reuben Jones and Anton Raadik, and Pete Mead and Mickey Doyle, played to $65,602.

And there certainly hasn't been any sign of a "depression" out Hawaii way. Statistics for 1948 reveal that, for the third straight year, the gross take for shows staged in Honolulu's indoor Civic Auditorium and outdoor Stadium passed the $500,000 mark. The high for the year was reached by Frankie Fernandez and Tommy Bell, who lured 14,163 clients and a gross of $46,282. Had it not been for a crippling maritime strike, the bout probably would have drawn $15,000 more.

And let's not overlook the sort of business Joe Louis has been doing on his current junket—in EXHIBITIONS, not actual fights. Some of the figures reported were $47,591 with Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland, $34,755 with Vern Mitchell in Detroit, $16,960 with Kid Rivera in St. Louis, $21,588 with Curt Kennedy in Kansas City, $10,640 with Oakland Billy Smith in Cincinnati, and $31,000 with Billy Conn in Chicago.

On the same subject—in three years, the Olympic in Los Angeles has grossed $1,800,000 in receipts, and in that time has paid out $400,000 in federal and state taxes!

The month's results:

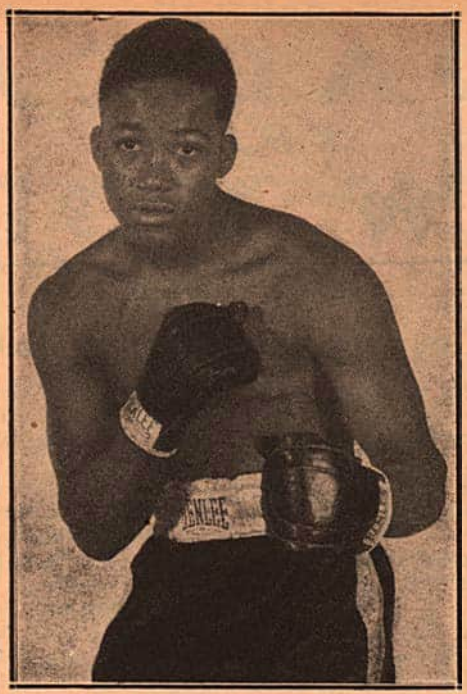
Stepping in as a short-notice replacement for the ailing Fred Monforte, Jimmy Watkins, 136, New London, Conn., held Billy Murphy, 136, up-and-coming Brooklynite, to a hairline verdict in a lusty thumping six at Jamaica Arena. Another likely youngster, Jimmy Donnelly, 140, Astoria, had to uncover a strong finish to grab a draw with Johnny Marino, 135, East New York, in a rousing semi-final six. A third six produced a close decision for Mickey Young, 123, Flint, Mich., over Tim Healy, 121½, Brooklyn. In fours, Gus Cossifos, 158½, Yonkers, outfought Billy Partin, 155¾, Tullahome, Tenn.; Al Rojas, 135, Bronx, iced Tom Holston, 135, East Side, in the first, and Ernie Majury, 132¼, Toronto, stopped Ralph Proscia, 128, Bronx, in the second.

Though he won by a clear enough margin, Kid Gavilan, 147, bolo-punching Cuban, had to hustle all the way to stay in front of Tony Pellone, 146½, Greenwich Village, in a savage ten in Madison Square Garden. In the semi-final, Chico Pacheco, 153½, Brazil, chopped the face of Jackie Armitage, 153¼, Pittsburgh, so badly the referee called a halt in the seventh. In sixes, Carrol Alexander, 124, Washington, D. C., edged out Lorenzo Safora, 126¾, Cuba, and Tony Baldoni, 150, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., stopped Billy Wyatt, 148, Trenton, N. J., in the fifth. In fours, Charley Donovan, 135, East Side, grabbed a disputed decision over Jimmy Tarangelo, 138½, Greenwich Village, and Dave Peters, 138½, Harlem, flattened Jay Parlin, 135, Philadelphia, in the second. The attendance was 9,408 and the gate $29,629.

Showing before the home folks for the first time in two years, Davey Feld, 178¾, of Brooklyn's Brownsville section, didn't make a particularly auspicious event of the occasion. He was flattened by Dick Wagner, 172½, Portland, Ore., in the second at the Eastern Parkway Arena. For one round, Feld used his height and long reach to advantage, but in the second Wagner weaved under lanky Dave's arms, weakened the Brooklynite with a blistering body attack, then shifted to the face and finished matters in 2:49. Vinnie Cidone, 155, Coney Island, shaded Art Tatta, 158½, New Haven, in a slam-bang semi-final eight. Two sixes were abbreviated when Billy Doerner, 172½, East Side, stopped a neighborhood rival, Willie Hegemond, 170½, in the second, and Jackie Cunningham, 125, Passaic, N. J., did likewise to Tim Healy, 120½, Brooklyn. Kenny Clark, 141, Bronx, beat Carmine Fiore, 139, Greenpoint, in four.

Rated one of the metropolitan area's better young welters, Al Hefsh, 148, East Side, ran off his seventh straight win, and his twelfth in thirteen starts for the year, by polishing off Ross Anzalone, 145½, Bronx, in the fifth at the St. Nick Arena. Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, outfought Tony Longo, 124½, Baltimore, in the semi-final eight. In a six, Caesar Brioni, 192½, Argentina, was too big and strong for Willie Parker, 171¾, Yonkers, and flattened him in the second. In another six, Murray Levine, 128, Bayonne, decisioned Henry Schillizi, 128, Middle Village. In fours, Johnny Carr, 124, Brooklyn, outpointed a borough rival, Jimmy Watkins, 119, and Gus Cossifus, 158½, Yonkers, drew with Lou Pompey, 157½, Scranton, Pa.

Before a turnout that resembled an intimate gathering of friends and relatives—the attendance must have been all of 700—Mickey Young, 121¾, Flint, Mich., whipped Wally Doktor, 122, Yorkville, in a top six at the Park Arena. In other sixes, Joe Carney, 133¾, Puerto Rico, drew with George Wright, 128, Philadelphia; Lou Castrilli, 131, Bronx, outpointed Tony Ferrara, 132½, Brooklyn, and Mario Coll, 140¼, Havana, pasted Jimmy Nickens, 141¾, Bronx. In fours, Jimmy Wilde, 133½, Bronx, whipped Bobby Gainville, 135¾, Harlem, and Jerry Tell, 154, Pelham, registered the card's only kayo when he stiffened Jimmy Suber, 150½, South Carolina, in the first.



One of best youngsters in metropolitan area, welterweight Gene (Dummy) Hairston registered his most impressive triumph to date by whipping experienced Al Mobley at St. Nick Arena.

In running off his 19th straight triumph as a pro, Joe Micelli, 140, East Side, won all the way from Al Pennino, 134¾, Brooklyn, in eight at the Broadway Arena. In the co-feature, Georgie Small, 161½, Brownsville, flattened Charley Dawson, 157½, East Side, in the fourth. Casi Shinkovich, 161, Poland, outfumbled Nat Blum, 162½, Brooklyn, in a clumsy six. In fours, Sammy Sanchez, 130¾, Bronx, stopped Bobby Arciullo, 128½, Brooklyn, in the third; Gene Darconte, 174, East Side, was credited with a kayo in the second when a cut over his left eye forced Angel Martinez, 179, Newark, to retire, and Bruno Lijoi, 135, Brooklyn, was too aggressive for Bobby Nicholas, 134¾, Hackensack.

Tony LaBua, 136, Ozone Park, had a bit too much of everything for Russell Howard, 142, Yorkville, and won handily in eight at Sunnyside Garden. Andy Drachmas, 147, East Side, punched out a decision over Karin Scott, 147, Bronx, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Joe Garcia, 126¼, Puerto Rico, whipped a fellow-islander, Castro Calderon, 121¾; Tom Englehardt, 149½, Astoria, stopped Jimmy Burgess, 152, Puerto Rico, in the third, and Billy Patterson, 152½, East Side, halted Eddie Perkins, 150, Virgin Islands, in the third. Calvin Davis, 141, Bronx, beat Manuel Dizon, 136, San Antonio, in four.

In posting the seventh straight win of his "comeback" campaign, Melio Bettina, 192½, Beacon, N. Y., veteran, proved too ringwise for willing but crude Enrique Felpi, 209½, Argentina, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. De Witt Dean, 155½, Detroit, flattened Leroy Coleman, 160, Lodi, N. J., in the third of the semi-final. In sixes, George Wright, 127½, Philadelphia, outpointed Nick Darby, 132, Jamaica, and Johnny Carr, 122, Brooklyn, stiffened Wilfred Dancosse. 118½, Manchester, Conn., in the fourth. In fours, Bruno Lijoi, 133¾, Brooklyn, stopped Sammy Sanchez, 128¾, Bronx, in the first; Augie Jacobellis, 145, East Side, outpointed Billy Chappy, 144½, Brooklyn, and Ernie Majury, 134¼, Toronto, drew with Alfredo Roja, 134, Bronx.

The metropolitan debut of Jo Weidin, 208, revealed the Austrian visitor as big, strong and willing, but crude and lacking in ring savvy. He whipped youthful Don Mogard, 187, Toronto, in ten at the Broadway Arena, scoring two knockdowns in the fourth, but his performance fell considerably below expectations. He should improve, however, with experience. In the semi-final six, Jimmy Demetrios, 148, East Side, outfought Lou Gillespie, 150½, Ozone Park. In other sixes, Don Perro, 172½, East Side, proved too shifty for Angel Martinez, 182, Mexico, and Wilfred Dancosse, 118¾, Manchester, Conn., left-handed his way to a decision over Georgie Decker, 122½, Schenectady. James Boone, 146, Virgin Islands, apparently won over Joe De Sena, 148, Brooklyn, in four, but had to be content with a draw.

One of the best performances of the season at the Jamaica Arena was turned in by Jimmy Watkins, 134¾, New London, Conn., in dropping experienced Irish Jimmy Hegeman, 131, Brooklyn, eight times before stopping him in the fifth. The semi-final also wound up in the fifth, with Don Jabora, 190, Moscow, Ida., winner over Eddie Brown, 205, Houston, Tex. Bobby Bell, 127, Youngstown, shaded Bernie Peters, 129, Philadelphia, in six. In fours, Willie Dockery, 157, Brooklyn, outslugged Danny Gammone, 160½, Elmhurst; Vita Celentano, 123, Harlem, outpointed Jim Falu, 123, Puerto Rico, and Johnny Mulanaphy, 124, Bronx, whipped Paul Darby, 127, Jamaica.

Unbeaten Irish Jimmy Flood, 160, Yorkville, made it 18 in a row by punching out a decision over Al Buddy, 159, Newark, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. Jimmy Herring, 155, Ozone Park, whipped Henry Holt, 159, Danbury, Conn., in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Sid Haber, 157, Brooklyn, topped Lee Patrick, 159, St. Louis; Tommy Varsos, 153, Milwaukee, outfought Bill Dooley, 153, Jamaica, and Bobby Timpson, 132, Youngstown, drew with Just Johnson, 138, Brooklyn.

Packing too much speed and too many left hands for his opponent, Tommy Yarosz, 165, Monaca, Pa., finished well in front of Randy Brown, 161½, Mount Vernon, in a lively eight at the White Plains Community Center. Jimmy Donnelly, 138½, Astoria, decisioned Jimmy Tarangelo, 141, Greenwich Village, in the semi-final six. In another six, Jimmy Leslie, 153¾, White Plains, outpunched Eddie Marmo, 160½, Paterson, N. J. In fours, Ken Lovegrove, 159¾, Paterson, drew with Danny Ventre, 164¾, Stamford, Conn.; Ernie Majury, 133¾, Toronto, outpointed Milton Rogers, 130, Englewood, and Marino Gizzo, 146¾, Rome, N. Y., stopped Tony Pignatore, 145½, Norwalk, Conn., in the third.

With only 24 seconds to go, Burl Charity, 161, Youngstown, wound up a close and sizzling eight at the St. Nick Arena by ripping a vicious right to the body of Al Winn, 164½, Bronx, and flattening him for the count. In a co-feature, Al (Bozo) Costantino, 148, East Side, outpointed Dave Andrews, 146, Boston, in a dull eight. In sixes, Caesar Brion, 191, Argentina, punched out a decision over Leon Spalding, 191¾, East Side, and Carmine Vingo, 192, Bronx, stiffened Jimmy Walls, 189½, Englewood, N. J., in the second. Mel Goldsmith, 142½, whipped a fellow-Bronxite, Henry Clark, 141¾, and Jack Kruelewicz, 150½, East Side, outpointed a neighborhood rival, Johnny Maxwell, 155, in fours.

With two wins and a draw in three previous meetings, Willie Beltram, 138¾, Bronx, tossed a convincing finale into his year's series with Joey Carkido, 139, Youngstown, by stopping the Ohioan in the seventh at the Eastern Parkway Arena. The semi-final also was an abbreviated affair, Eddie Datton, 174¾, Reading, Pa., halting Billy Doerner, 172, East Side, in the sixth. In sixes, Jackie Cooper, 149½, Brooklyn, whipped Leonard Lukes, 146½, also of Brooklyn, and Lou Gillespie, 151½, Ozone Park, beat Vinnie Mazac, 148½, Seymour, Tex. In fours, Hurley Sanders, 154, Newark, outpointed Billy Thompson, 159, Nyack, N. Y., and Sammy Thompson, 158, West Side, pasted Carmine Vitale, 161¾, Jackson Heights.

Using an effective left hand, and forcing the issue all the way, Georgie Small, 162, Brownsville, copped a unanimous decision over Richie Dallas, 162½, St. Louis, in eight at the Broadway Arena. In the semi-final six, Dom Perro, 172½, East Side, outpointed Bobby Jefferson, 170¼, Brooklyn. Another scheduled six wound up in the second when Nick Darby, 129½, Jamaica, flattened Domingo Rivera, 125¾, Bronx, in the third. In fours, Frankie Carini, 141¾, East Side, outfought Frank Balestra, 145, Borough Park; Jimmy Suber, 147¼, Greenville, S. C., stopped Lou Rascio, 145, East Side, in the second, and Billy Chappy, 144½, Brooklyn, drew with Frank Tuminaro, 139¼, East Side.

Appearing in a New York ring for the first time, Arthur King, 136¾, Toronto, recent winner of the British Empire lightweight title, proved entirely too fast, both of foot and hand, for the veteran Chester Rico, 140½, Bronx, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. Joe Lindsay, 184½, Brooklyn, looked good in beating Jimmy Walker, 188½, Plainfield, N. J., in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Tim Healy, 121¾, Brooklyn, edged out a borough rival, Jimmy Watkins, 119, and Lou Gillespie, 150, Ozone Park, left-handed his way to a decision over Vince Mazar, 145½, Seymour, Tex. In fours, Vito Celentano, 123¼, Staten Island, drew with Jimmy Fudu, 128, Bronx, and Larry Mujica, 137, Harlem, beat Kenny Clark, 142, Bronx.

The last show at the Park Arena under the promotorial aegis of the LaMottas produced a kayo for Mike Jacobs, 181, Jersey City, over Sylvester Salter, 187, Cincinnati. The affair was listed for six, but Salter was so weary from the

pasting he absorbed that he couldn't come up for the last round, and was counted out in his corner. In other sixes, Jose Garcia, 127, Puerto Rico, flattened John Scott, 120¾, Holyoke, in the second, and Richard Howard, 128½, Halifax, outpointed Georgie Wright, 127, Philadelphia. In fours, Jack Malanaphy, 125, Bronx, defeated Joey Rigano, 125¼, Brooklyn, and Walter Hines, 136¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Gainville, 136, Harlem.

One of the likeliest "naturals" in the metropolitan area, 18-year-old George Kaplan, 181, Brownsville, stopped Ray Shaf, 173, East Side, in the second at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Jimmy Evans, 186, Bay Ridge, outpointed George Washington, 188½, Birmingham, Ala., in six. In other sixes, Joey Varoff, 139, East Side, whipped Carlin Scott, 141, Bronx; Tony Johnson, 163¼, East Side, kayoed Eddie Perkins, 153¾, Virgin Islands, in the fourth, and Mickey Alagna, 143½, Ridgewood, halted Roosevelt Henry, 138½, Harlem, in the third. Joe Grieves, 135, Brownsville, outfought Larry Cohen, 134, Brooklyn, in four.

Though he won convincingly enough on the officials' scorecards, Johnny Marino, 136, East New York, had a real fight on his hands finishing in front of Herbie Johnson, 136, Brooklyn, in a torrid six at Jamaica Arena. In the semi-final six, Lenny Durham, 145, Brooklyn, outpointed Mel Williams, 144½, Trenton, N. J. Another six resulted in a verdict for Henry Blackshear, 125, Brooklyn, over Ivor Fredericks, 122, Harlem. In fours, Bob Tighe, 154¼, Bay Ridge, drew with Joe DeSena, 152¾, Brooklyn; Johnny Graham, 134¾, Paterson, outpointed Kenny Holton, 138, Brooklyn, and Augie Iacobellis, 144¾, East Side, stopped Bill Chappy, 144, Brooklyn, in the third.

Too rough and tough for his opponent, Joe Governale, 170, Bensonhurst, slugged out a decision over Tom McKeagney, 166, Boston, in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Billy Murphy, 136, Brooklyn, whipped Ernie Parker, 137, Harlem; Danny Collette, 134, Italy, flattened Tom Holston, 138, Knoxville, Tenn., in the fourth, and Steve King, 194, Brooklyn, decisioned Lonnie Clark, 239, Philadelphia. In fours, Benny Laros, 173, Holland, kayoed Billy Kilby, 169, West Side, in the second, and Roger Donahue, 150, Yonkers, halted Jimmy Boone, 146, East Side, in the third.

The most impressive performance yet turned in by Gene (Dummy) Hairston, 151, one of the year's best developments hereabouts, was to outfight experienced Al Mobley, 151½, Newark, in a hectic ten at the St. Nick Arena. Hairston dropped Mobley for seven in the third. In the semi-final eight, Andy DePaul, 156½, Cliffside, N. J., outpointed Freddie Lott, 164, Newark. Ralph Gigante, 150½, Greenwich Village, held favored Sol Levitt, 149½, East Side, to a draw in six. In fours, Alfredo Rojas, 134½, Bronx, outpointed Johnny Graham, 134½, Paterson; Bobby Nicholas, 134½, Hackensack, drew with Ernie Majury, 134, Toronto, and Manuel Dizon, 135½, San Antonio, Tex., won over Bobby Gainville, 138¼, Harlem.

For the first show promoted by its new sponsor, Dr. Hermann Teschberg, the Park Arena came up with a lively fighting card topped by a rugged slugfest that produced a decision for Al Guido, 145, Bronx, over Mario Moreno, 145, Ozone Park, in eight. Jay White, 136¾, Bronx, drew with Mario Call, 140, Miami, Fla., in one six, while Lou Castrillo, 132½, East Side, outpointed Georgie Wright, 127, Philadelphia, in another.

Showing for the third time in a month in a top spot at Jamaica Arena, Jimmy Watkins, 135½, New London, Conn., polished off Pete Ferrente, 138, Brooklyn, in the fourth. It was a fairly even thing for three rounds, but early in the fourth Watkins dropped Ferrente with a vicious right to the chin. Pete staggered to his feet at nine, and a left hook sent him flying across the ring and into the ropes, at which point Referee Jim Crowley decided enough was enough. In the semi-final six, Johnny Bassett, 175½, Burlington, Vt., stopped Lou Jones, 165, Port Chester, in the fourth. Ray Solomon, 148¾, Brooklyn, decisioned Lou (Billy) Gillespie, 152, Ozone Park. In fours, Larry Mujica, 136, East Side, stopped Henry Clark, 141, Bronx, in the second; Gus Cossifos, 156½, Yonkers, drew with Bobby Thompson, 159¾, Nyack, and Leon Johnson, 144½, West Side, halted Doug Coley, 148, Chicago, in the first.

Back in ring action, after his recent honeymoon, Billy Graham, 145¾, East Side stylist, breezed through to an easy win over Joe Lucignano, 148, Hoboken, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. Henry Schillizi, 148, Middle Village, stopped Mickey Young, 123, Flint, Mich., in the third of the semi-final. Other kayoes in the prelims were registered by Carmine Vitale, 163¼, Jackson Heights, who halted Danny Ventre, 164½, Stamford, Conn., in the fourth, and Sam Sanchez, 130½, Bronx, who flattened Ralph Proscia, 125¾, also of the Bronx, in the third. In the other bouts, Tom Englehardt, 153, Astoria, outpointed Hurley Sanders, 152½, Newark, in four, and Joe Mullin, 141½, Wilkes-Barre, did likewise to Mario Geno, 146½, Rome, N. Y.

Apparently influenced more by his threatening gestures and sporadic rallies than by the steady point-collecting jabs, hooks, uppercuts and straight rights of his opponent, the officials voted a unanimous decision to Jake LaMotta, 164, Bronx, over Tommy Yarosz, 164½, Monaca, Pa., in a close ten in Madison Square Garden. It was fortunate for LaMotta that Yarosz didn't pack more of a wallop in his fists. Tommy hit Jake with everything in the book, including the cover, but his blows lacked real authority. LaMotta fought only in flashes, but did enough damage in those spurts to swing the verdict his way. Showing for the first time in a New York ring, Vince Foster, 148½, Omaha, made a decided hit with the customers by the manner in which he whipped Nick Mistovich, 149, Youngstown, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Johnny Kaufman, 148, hard-hitting Rochester youngster, battered Mayhew Smith, 148, Harlem, out of competition in five, and Vinnie Cidone, 156, Coney Island, outfought Art Tatta, 159¾, New Haven. In fours, Johnny DeFazio, 135, Bayonne, beat Ernie Majury, 132, Toronto, and Tony Johnson, 163½, East Side, drew with Nat Blum, 165, Brooklyn. The attendance was 9,814 and the receipts $22,944.

Tommy Varsos, 146, Milwaukee, exploded a left hook against the chin of Mario Moreno, 151, Ozone, and Mario was finished in 2:31 of the third at the Ridgewood Grove. Jimmy Herring, 155, Ozone Park, whipped Jimmy Jackson, 156, Harlem, in the semi-final six. Another six wound up in a hurry, Johnny Hewitt, 156, West Side, flattening Steve Czurbac, 146, Old Bridge, N. J., in the first. In a trio of fours, Johnny Graham, 135, Paterson, outpointed Manuel Dizon, 133, San Antonio; Ralph Pilleggi, 143, Greenwich Village, pasted Roosevelt Henry, 140, Harlem, and Mike Kobella, 147, Pittsburgh, decisioned Johnny MacKenzie, 148, Cambridge, Mass.

Surviving a turbulent first round—he was down three times—DeWitt Dean, 157¾, Detroit, fought a game, uphill battle but couldn't quite catch up to Burl Charity, 159½, Youngstown, in a rugged ten at the St. Nick Arena. The voting gave Charity a close majority at the finish. Up-and-coming Jimmy Watkins, 135, New London, Conn., flattened Jimmy Tarangelo, 140, Greenwich Village, in the second of the semi-final. Andy Drachmas, 148, East Side, and Joey Hernandez, 147½, Brooklyn, drew in six. In fours, Joe Mullin, 143¾, Wilkes-Barre, outpointed Marino Gizzo, 141¾, Bronx; Frank Tuminaro, 140½, East Side, decisioned Bill Chappy, 145½, Brooklyn, and Richard Crump, 127, Harlem, halted Mike Torarelli, 122½, East Side, in the third.

Jimmy Warren, 134, Brooklyn, toted a bit too much stuff for the veteran Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, and won in eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. In sixes, Roy Thomas, 194, Brooklyn, stopped Henry Jones, 222, Bronx, in the second; Herbie Johnson, 135½, Bay Ridge, drew with Mario Coll, 140, Hartford, and Murray Levine, 126½, Bayonne, halted John Lemmons, 126, Stamford, in the third. Two fours finished quickly, Ben Smith, 135, Hartford, flattening Tony Holston, 138, West Side, in the first, and Julie Colan, 124½, West Side, icing Pete Manna, 119¾, Puerto Rico, in the second.

Paddy Young, 158¾, Greenwich Village, proved too young and strong for the veteran Joey Peralta, 148½, Tamaqua, Pa., and won handily in eight at the Broadway Arena. Jimmy Walters, 159½, East New York, outpointed Jules Rinaldo, 161, Bronx, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Walter Haines, 134½, Brooklyn, kayoed Charley Donovan, 136¼, East Side, in the third, and Lenny Durham, 143¾, South Brooklyn, beat Frank Balestra, 145½, Borough Park. In fours, Lou Rascio, 145, Harlem, decisioned James Suber, 146¾, Greenville, S. C., and Carmine Fiore, 138, Brooklyn, stopped Bobby Gainville, 138¼, Harlem, in the first.

Posting his 36th win in 37 pro outings, Sal Ferello, 127¼, Bronx, edged out willing but crude Jose Colon Garcia, 127, Puerto Rico, in a dull eight at the Park Arena. Another Bronx youngster, George LaFalgio, 130¾, outpointed Russell Howard, 131, Halifax, N. S., also in eight, while a third eight produced a decision for Henry Schillizi, 125, Middle Village, over Tim Healy, 121, Brooklyn. Jerry Tell, 151, Bronx, was outpointed by Johnny Maxwell, 147, East Side, in four.

Unbeaten Irish Jimmy Flood, 159½, Yorkville, made it 22 straight by outfighting Buddy Jackson, 157¾, Bronx, in a rugged eight at the White Plains Community Center. In sixes, Wilfred Dancosse, 121½, Manchester, Conn., decisioned Wally Doktor, 123, Yorkville, and Paul Papesca, 141, Bronx, whipped Dom Mollozzi, 136½, Elizabeth, N. J. In fours, Stanley Hilliard, 136½, Passaic, won over Benny Clark, 140, Bronx; Billy Walsh, 135½, Corona, L. I., beat Walter Kelp, 139, Greenville, S. C., and Mike Agadian, 139¼, Bronx, kayoed Al Renshaw, 158, also of the Bronx, in the third.

Angelo Morganti, 145¾, Astoria, punched a bit too often and too hard for Freddie Menna, 148, Jamaica, and was the winner of a hard-fought eight at Sunnyside Garden. In a pair of sixes, Mike Kobella, 150, Pittsburgh, decisioned John Darby, 152½, Paterson, and Bernie Peters, 129½, Philadelphia, whipped Henry Blackshear, 124¼, Brooklyn. Three fours all wound up in kayoes, Jimmy Watkins, 120½, Brooklyn, flattening Manuel Batista, 129½, East Side, in the first; Gene Darconte, 174, East Side, halting Bob Jefferson, 169¾, Brooklyn, also in the first, and Jim Burgos, 151½, Puerto Rico, stopping Bill Godfrey, 150½, Greenville, S. C., in the third.

An encore meeting at the Jamaica Arena produced a decision for Irish Jimmy Donnelly, 138, Astoria, over Johnny Marino, 136½, East New York, in a lively six. Georgie Wright, 126, Philadelphia, was too big and experienced in another six for Jimmy Watkins, 120½, Brooklyn. In other sixes, Tony Johnson, 163½, Brooklyn, whipped Danny Venture, 164, Stamford, and Jack Malanaphy, 124, Bronx, outfought Vito Celantano, 123¾, Staten Island. Al Ortell, 200½, Foxville, Md., outlasted Ernie Conyer, 196½, Camden, in four.

New York's "no-foul" rule was given quite a going-over by Gino Buonvino, 203, Italy, in a rough affair with Eddie (Red) Cameron, 186½, Miami, at the Ridgewood Grove. Buonvino hit low in seven of the eight rounds; was warned several times by Referee Jack Watson; had two rounds, the second and fifth, taken away from him—yet was awarded the decision! Watson cast for Cameron, but was outvoted by Judges Charley Shortell and Joe Agnello, who tabbed Buonvino the winner, despite his repeated low punching. In sixes, Jesse Jenkins, 162, Monticello, N. Y., whipped Bobby James, 157, Harlem; Durante Collette, 131, Italy, decisioned Benny Smith, 132, Hartford, and Tony Rotondo, 141, East Side, outfought Willie Williams, 139, Bronx. In fours, Roger Donahue, 149, Yonkers, beat Johnny MacKenzie, 146, Cambridge, Mass., and Walter Keyes, 138, Greenville, S. C., won over Ernie Majury, 134, Toronto.

Hauled out of a ten months' retirement, Harry Berntsen, 209, hard-hitting but crude Norwegian, tossed a thrill into the St. Nick Arena customers by dropping Bernie Reynolds, 192, Fairfield, Conn., with practically the first punch, but Bernie, up at two, went to work on his cumbersome opponent, and handed him a terrific lacing. Referee Jack Appel finally called a halt in the third after Berntsen had made three trips to the canvas. Filberto Osario, 126, Puerto Rico, outfought Ray Edwards, 127, Jamaica, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Lee Patrick, 159½, Bronx, stopped Eddie Marmo, 159, Paterson, in the third, and Johnny Bassett, 174½, Aberdeen, Wash., decisioned Larry Shaw, 174½, Brooklyn. In fours, Gus Cossifus, 159½, Yonkers, beat Bobby Thompson, 159½, Nyack, and Joey DeGuardia, 141, Bronx, outpointed Johnny Graham, 137, Harlem.

Promising Georgie Kaplan, 181¾, Brownsville, ran off his seventh straight pro win by punching out a verdict over Freddie McManus, 178, Jersey City, in six at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Jimmy Evans, 185, Bay Ridge, flattened Matt Mincey, 195, Paterson, in the first of the semi-final. Two other scheduled sixes also wound up in a hurry, Danny McCall, 135¼, Philadelphia, stopping Willie Carrion, 132, Puerto Rico, in the first, and Marty Levine, 129, Bayonne, doing likewise to Richard Crump, 127, Bronx. Gene Salisbury, 145½, North Bergen, N. J., beat Georgie Branch, 144½, Newark, in another six, and Milton Rogers, 127, Englewood, decisioned Manuel Baptista, 127, East Side, in four.

Rough-and-ready Tony Pellone, 147½, Greenwich Village, was too rough and too ready for the veteran George LaRover, 147½, Philadelphia, and copped a unanimous decision in ten at the Broadway Arena. Three sixes all wound up in quick kayoes, Gene Darconte, 173, East Side, flattening Johnny Williams, 180½, Bronx, in the first; Nat Blum, 162½, Brooklyn, disposing of Enoilio Silfe, 157½, Santo Domingo, also in the first, and Robert Miller, 144, Harlem, stiffening Mickey Alagna, 142½, Brooklyn, in the third. Bill Chappy, 141, Brooklyn, beat a borough rival, Larry Cohen, 136, in four.

Squaring accounts for a decision lost earlier in the year, Al Guido, 144¾, Bronx, whipped Joey Carkido, 138, Youngstown, in eight at the Park Arena. Off to a fast start, Guido floored Carkido for nine with a left hook in the first, and stayed out in front the rest of the way. Another eight was stopped in the last round when a nasty gash over the left eye of Jimmy Hegeman, 130¾, Brooklyn, prompted Referee Abe Simon to call a halt in favor of Lou Castrilli, 130, Bronx. In a four, Jimmy Wilde, 136, Bronx, outpointed Stan Hilliard, 133½, Paterson.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

IN turning back Tommy Campbell in a 12-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, Enrique Bolanos retained his title of California lightweight champion, his position as the Number One contender for world's title, and the distinction of being the best box-office attraction on the Pacific Coast. While there were exciting moments and some fast exchanges, it wasn't the action-packed setto that the turn-away crowd had expected.

It was a close contest at the end of the 10th, but Bolanos made a rout of it in the final two rounds. The early rounds were a duel of left jabs, with honors about even. Campbell then tired and was bothered by a cut over his left eye. Tommy slowed down to a whisper in the sixth and Bolanos jabbed and hooked him at will. Enrique came out to finish it in the seventh and battered the Negro boxer all over the ring, but couldn't floor him.

The all-out effort tired Bolanos and Campbell was again able to match jabs with the Latin lancer. Tommy won both the eighth and ninth heats with hooks to the body, which caused the Mexican idol to wince. Enrique pepped up to take the tenth, but his lead was narrow and the end was near, so he came out with heavier guns and renewed vigor in the eleventh. A hard left and right to the jaw put Campbell on the carpet.

He arose at nine, weak and groggy, and Bolanos pounced upon him with both fists. Campbell was in a bad way for a full minute, but his defensive skill enabled him to ride out the storm, in fact, he was punching back at the bell. Tommy was too weary to put on an offensive in the 12th, and although very tired, himself, Enrique had little trouble garnering the final heat. The decision was unanimous. This corner had Bolanos winning six of the rounds, Campbell three, with three tabbed as even. Each weighed 134½.

The 10,200 paying customers dished up $41,778 to witness the bout.

In the semi-final Al Arenas, 130, iced Richie Mendoza, 130, Santa Monica favorite, in the sixth. After being decked in the second round, Arenas came back to floor Mendoza at the bell in the fifth. Richie hadn't fully recovered when he came out for the sixth and he was an easy victim for Al's pay-off punch.

In the four-rounders: Lawrence Brown, 148, shellacked Connie Smith, 146; Baby Sal, 141, pummeled Babe Huerta, 144; Al Smith, 144, decisioned Vernon Jordan, 139; Roosevelt Bonner, 128, nodded Reuben Torres, 130.

Displaying much more aggressiveness and fighting spirit than he had shown in previous bouts, Willie Bean, 207, punched out a win over Dutch Culbertson, 178, in a bristling 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. The Negro giant floored Culbertson for a nine count in the eighth, but the much lighter man made Bean's victory a hard earned one.

In supporting bouts: Rodney Jones, 167, whipped Dick Findley, 169, in the four-round semi; Jesse Richards, 161, laced Earl Ward, 163, in a four; Frankie Ray, 146, scored a lucky TKO over Baby Valdez, 139, in the fourth; Lou Jamerson, 136, KO'ed Mike Banda, 140, in the second heat; Boots Nelson, 160, disposed of Booker Washington, 158, in the first round.

The upset of the month was Bolton Ford's win over Paulino Montes in a luke-warm ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The match figured to be little more than a workout for Montes, a 6-to-1 favorite, but Paulino has his off nights and this was one of them, probably his worst. Coming in wide open and swinging wildly, Ford should have been duck soup for the counter-punching Mexican, but Paulino must have been waiting for someone else, for, he did nothing about these openings.

It was Ford's roundhouse rights to the ribs that won him the fight. Montes couldn't think of anything to do about them—except wince. Paulino put on a few spurts, but once he landed a solid blow, he would cease firing. On three occasions he bent Ford over with lefts to the stomach, but never followed it up. Both slowed down and missed badly in the late rounds, so that even the final minutes weren't exciting, as the customers have a right to expect of two rugged, hard-hitting lightweights. The decision to Ford, 134, was unanimous. Montes scaled 136.

In the six-round semi, Rudy Vasquez, 129, Glendale, laced Rocky Haro, 128, Hanford, for four rounds, but Haro landed some hard rights in the final two heats to catch the judge's eye and get a draw.

Other results: J. J. Cracknell, 152, so outclassed Abner Bedingfield, 154, that the affair was stopped and awarded to Cracknell in the second; Elmer Beltz, 145, nodded Harold Velasquez, 146, in four; Dave Martinez, 135, and Butch Maxwell, 131, battled to a draw; Jackie Blair, 126, outpointed Roosevelt Bonner, 128.

Irish Bob Murphy, 161, the heavy-fisted southpaw of San Diego, continued on his belting spree by rendering Nap Howard, 158, Los Angeles Negro, hors du combat in the third round of their clash at the Ocean Park Arena. Howard held his own in the first two rounds, but when Murphy hit Howard on the button with that lethal left early in the third—Nap took just that.

In remaining bouts: Bruce Richardson, 151, and Billy King, 154, drew in four-round semi; Baby Sal, 139, whipped Cager Norris, 145, in four; Windy Hawkins, 161, decisioned Boots Nelson, 160, in a four; Ray Daniels, 156, stopped Jesse Richards, 160, in the third; the bout between Roosevelt Bonner, 129, and Chuck Edwards, 130, was stopped in the first heat and declared a draw, due to an eye cut.

If every one of the spectators had been throwing gloves at Bert Linam all during the ten minutes that he was in the Los Angeles Olympic ring, the Texan couldn't have been hit more times than he was by Bernard Docusen during their brief encounter. Linam saw more gloves in ten minutes than Sol Levinson turned out in ten years. Docusen would job ten, twenty, thirty times in fast succession, putting Linam's head back as though it were on hinges.

Bobbing and weaving — but slowly — Linam crowded Docusen and kept swinging, but his batting average was about equal to that of a drunk hitting at his shadow. After stabbing his hapless foe with hundreds of left jabs, the Filipino stylist would whip in a few hooks or uppercuts, just to break the monotony. Linam never stopped trying, nor did he resort to clinching or any foul tactics in his frustration. Truly, a real gamester.

After the novelty of seeing a person punch another so fast and so often wore off—the lopsided affair ceased to be funny. And when the Texan's features had become cut, bruised and swollen, the spectacle became a pitiful one and everyone in the arena was relieved when Referee Charley Randolph humanely halted it in the fourth round. Docusen weighed 148, Linam 146.

In the semi, Tommy Lee James, 151, stopped Connie Smith, 148, in the third. Floored for a nine-count, Smith arose weak and groggy. James was pummeling his defenseless foe on the ropes when Referee Tommy Herman halted it, just as the bell ended the round.

In the prelims: Rudy Garcia, 125, defeated Reuben Torres, 128, in four; Regino Docusen, 148, outfumbled Young Coronel, 145, in a four; Windy Hawkins, 160, KO'ed Billy King, 155, in the third; Ray Ramon, 130, TKO'ed Freddie Herrera, 131, in two.

Boxing fans are the most fickle of all crowds. They cheer a boxer through many victories, then cheer even louder when he is defeated. They may become hot, cold and indifferent toward a boxer, all on the same evening. For instance, in the first round of the Docusen-Linam bout, Bernard brought forth exclamations of praise for his artistry, speed and form.

The fans had ceased admiring Docusen's talents in the second round, but they were still getting a bang out of seeing a boxer make his opponent look so crude and harmless. However, by the third heat, Docusen's brilliant performance was entirely lost to most of the crowd. Many were fed up with the dazzling exhibition and some were even hoping that Linam could somehow get lucky and knock his tormentor stiff.

By the fourth round, when the Texan's features were a mess, some of the spectators seemed to regard it as a case of unlawful assault. Some even booed the Filipino boxer. I cannot imagine what they expected Docusen to do, but he didn't do it and they were displeased. And because of it, there will be some yelling against him in his next bout.

But, don't let it bother you too much, Bernard, for, on some other night they will be cheering you to the echo. For, we are the fight fans, and a fickle crowd are we!

Believing that three consecutive defeats eliminated the loser from the possibility of being featured a fourth time—this writer stated that Hollywood fans had probably seen the last of Del Cockayne, ex-footballer of Iowa. I was wrong. Of course, I was basing my surmise on performance, relating to sport, not politics. Well, Cockayne was back in the Stadium ring for the fourth time—and again on the losing end.

This time the muscular Iowan was in way over his head, and was so outclassed that he was knocked out by a boxer who has never been regarded as a puncher. However, Jesse Flores did such a smooth, workmanlike job of disposing of Cockayne in the fourth round, that the shifty Mexican looked the part of a puncher, as well as a classy boxer.

Darting in and out, peppering Del with an assortment of punches, Flores made the Iowan look like a lost child. Cockayne hit Jesse twice, once in the opening round, and again in the third. After decking Del for a four-count in the second heat, Flores gave Cockayne a bad lacing in the third, then dropped him for the full count with a right to the jaw in the fourth. Flores weighed 129, Cockayne 138.

In the semi, Ralph Gutierrez, 142, Mexico, KO'ed Dave Linder, 140, Vallejo, in the third round. Linder was leading at the time, but the former Iowan has a china chin, on which Gutierrez parked a right.

In the prelims: Manuel Madrid, 134, defeated Ray Ramon, 132, in four; J. J. Cracknell, 151, won by technical decision over Flash Gordon, 145, in the third; Frankie Ray, 145, and Cager Norris, 143, drew in four; Jackie Blair, 127, bested Cadillac Clemens, 127, in the opener.

A couple of rivals of the great Northwest settled their differences down here in the sunny south, when Milo Savage, 158, Seattle Negro, and Jack (Ginger) Snapp, 160, Klamath Falls, (Ore.) clashed at the Ocean Park Arena. And possibly the warm, sunshiny weather had something to do with outcome, for, the Oregon champion had neither the ginger nor the snap to defeat the Seattle battler, who is acclimated, having resided down here for nearly a year. Savage received the split decision.

In supporting bouts; Baby Ike, 147, decisioned Harold Velasquez, 149, in four-round semi; Gil Aguilar, 134, whipped Carl Arakaki, 133, in a four; Roosevelt Bonner, 128, nodded Cadillac Clemens, 127; Lou Jamerson, 134, iced Mike Banda, 138, in the third; Reuben Torres, 129, outpointed Russ McCarty.

A Superior Court Judge ruled that the Montreal Athletic Commission had no right to deprive Johnny Greco of his livelihood and granted him an injunction, which allowed Greco to appear in a scheduled bout, after he had been suspended. The writer doesn't pretend to know the merits of this particular case, or of the authority the Commission of Montreal may or may not have, but this decision may start something not to the best interests of boxing.

If such appeals are made by suspended persons and upheld by the Courts here in the States, the Boxing Commissioner's supervision of the sport will be greatly curtailed. There are injustices in some of the suspensions handed out to the licensees of boxing, but in the justified cases, the Commission office is acting in the interest of the public, and such powers of suspension were granted (or should have been) by representatives of the people.

That the suspended licensee is "being deprived of his livelihood" shouldn't be considered in these cases. After all, there are many boxers who have gone to work (many of them are working boys), and there are even a few cases where the managers have done so.

There was music in the air after the clash between Maxie Docusen and Bobby Jackson at the Los Angeles Olympic. In Docusen's dressing-room they were singing "Happy Birthday To You," while over in Jackson's room, Bobby was singing his "swan song." It was Maxie's 20th birthday, and those assembled there were happy, for, Little Duke had just chalked up his 50th victory. Jackson had just announced his retirement from boxing.

The bout ended just as was expected—Docusen by a TKO. The wagering had 10 to 1 on it. The chances of Jackson's eye cuts being reopened made these otherwise ridiculous odds understandable. Also, Docusen was too fast and too clever for Bobby. Jackson tore into Maxie with fists flying, but his delivery was wild and he seldom hit the speedy Filipino.

Docusen, cool and deliberate, punched accurately and sharply to stagger Bobby numerous times, as well as mess him up. Little Duke won all three rounds, each by a wider margin, then turned on the heat in the fourth, which resulted in Referee Frankie Van calling it a night. Jackson's left optic was badly swollen and he was bleeding from cuts over both eyes. Docusen weighed 131, Jackson 132.

In the semi: Rolando Delgado, 128, Havana, decisioned Chuck Wilkerson, 123. It was a fast-action six-rounder, in which the Cuban's heavier punching decided the issue.

Other results: Regino Docusen, 148, KO'ed Leo Miller, 150, (3); Dave Martinez, 139, chilled Bob Terrance, 136, (4); Lou Jamerson, 134, belted out Carl Arakaki, 132, (2); Roosevelt Bonner, 129, started off this parade of knock-outs by disposing of Cadillac Clemens, 128, (1).

If revenge is sweet, Richard Jones was well honeyed-up after his second clash with Arturo Barron at the Ocean Park Arena. Barron had rocked Jones to sleep a few weeks previous, but in this rematch Richard disposed of Arturo in the fourth round. Jones, after winning the first three heats, stunned Barron with a left and stretched him with a right for the count in the fourth. Each weighed 145.

In other bouts: Al Smith, 143, decisioned Juan Hernandez, 142, in four-round semi; Lawrence Brown, 146, beat Baby Ike, 149, in a four; Chuck Edwards, 129, nodded Reuben Torres, 129; Windy Hawkins, 161, outpointed Boots Nelson, 162; Ray Acosta, 147, and Dennie Moore, 152, fought a draw.

Chalking up his third win at the Hollywood Stadium, Harry (Kid) Matthews of Idaho, remains the foremost contender in Baron Stumme's middleweight tournament, although his third per-

formance was nothing to shout over. Matthews' victim in this instance was Milo Savage, Seattle Negro, whom we (all of us who believe what we read) thought had already been eliminated from this Pacific Coast elimination meet.

Savage was the one most at fault for the bout being a dull one, Milo being very reluctant to do battle. Matthews was credited with every round, but most of the heats were of the who cares variety. There was one round of excitement—the fourth, when the Idaho veteran put Savage down for nine, and had Milo staggering around like a drunk for the balance of the heat.

Savage struck Matthews in the eighth and this unexpected action so riled Harry that he belted Milo a few hard ones in the final two rounds. Matthews weighed 159, Savage 155.

In the six-round semi, Manuel Madrid, 135, an up-and-coming youngster, won four of the rounds and the unanimous decision over Al Gonzales, 135. It was a fast and interesting setto.

Other results: Frankie Daniels, 163, Bakersfield Negro who represented the U. S. at the Olympic Games, KO'ed Jesse Richards, 160, in the second; Vernon Jordan, 140, bested Babe Huerta, 144, in four; Dennis Moore, 154, disposed of Earl Ward, 160, in the first round; Ray Acosta, 145, whipped Mike Banda, 139, in a four.

In the first boxing card staged in San Diego in over two months, Jesse Flores, Stockton's pugilistic pride, opposed Nick Smith, Negro youngster of Los Angeles. Smith, outweighed by eight pounds, made a much better stand than was expected. A clever boxer, with superior height and reach, Nick kept the contest a close one for four rounds, but the shifty Mexican boxer took over in the fifth.

Flores weaved inside of Smith's long left and thereafter dealt out considerable punishment. Jesse came out in the final round bent on scoring a kayo—and did. Three rights to the jaw, stunned, staggered and stretched the Angeleno for the count in the tenth. Flores weighed 140. Smith 132.

In five four-rounders, all on the dull side, Chuck Edwards, 129, nodded Jackie Blair, 126; Baby Face Mathis, 139, KO'ed Fidel Ortiz, 142, in three; Flash Gordon, 148, and Lawrence Brown, 144, fought a draw; Gil Salas, 124, stopped Torito Ortega, 122, in the first; Manuel Hernandez, 119, decisioned Benny Chavez, 117.

Tommy Stenhouse may never be able to tell his grandchildren of being captured by the Indians, chased by a ghost, or of being shipwrecked, but the Buffalo Negro should be able to awe the kiddies by relating his encounter with Tommy Campbell in the Los Angeles Olympic ring back in '48. Grandpa Stenhouse wasn't victorious, (as I recall it, he was stopped in the eighth round) but his story would certainly be one of courage.

Campbell punched Stenhouse from pillar to post, but the Buffalo boy would not go down, and he might have gone the distance if his battered features had not prompted Referee Benny Whitman to halt it in the eighth. The whole side of Tommy's face was badly swollen, his right eye was completely closed, and he was bleeding from the nose and a gash on his left cheek. Yet, he protested the bout being stopped. And the head beating was only the half of it. Stenhouse received a severe pounding in the body. Campbell 136, Stenhouse 133.

In the semi: Rolando Delgado, 128, won by TKO over Al Arenas, 129, in the fifth frame, due to Arenas suffering an eye cut. However, Delgado was ahead at the time of the injury, having proven too cagey for the youngster.

In the prelims: Lawrence Brown, 147, and Connie Smith, 147, boxed a draw in four; John Curtis, 187, iced Hal Darancette, 205, in the first heat; Al Smith, 145, decisioned Frankie Ray, 146, in a four; Ray Ramon, 136, nodded Freddie Herrera, 131, in four.

Hereafter, Matchmaker Baron Stumme will probably be seeking boxers for the Hollywood Stadium who are ill or depressed. He had Jesse Flores and Paulino Montes matched, but up until two hours before fight time, neither boxer wished to go through with the bout. Flores pleaded being ill, due to an effort at weight-making; Montes was resentful because Flores had failed to make specified weight.

However, when Commission officials suggested certain "pills" as remedy for such complaints—the boxers reluctantly entered the ring. And it was the best scrap staged in the Stadium ring this year. Flores won the nod, but Montes made the score close by a strong finish, featured by a knockdown in the final round. There were numerous hot exchanges, with Jesse having the edge in most of them, due to his faster punching.

Darting in and out, Flores piled up an early lead with left jabs and whistling right crosses to the head. Montes landed some hard rights in the fifth and eighth rounds, and then added a thrilling climax to an exciting contest by decking Jesse for an eight-count with a left hook to the jaw in the 10th. Flores weighed 139, Montes 136.

In the semi: tantalizing Benny Black, 148, side-tracked the comeback of Genero Rojo, 144, by winning five of the six rounds. Black proved too tricky for the veteran Rojo, making his first start in over two years.

Other results: Baby Ike, 151, TKO'ed Harold Velasquez, 146, (1); Eddie Seale, 157, stopped Tony Grich, 154, (4); Tommy Yamaoka, 120, beat Benny Chavez, 117, (4); Cadillac Clemens, 126, TKO'ed Gil Salas, 125, (3).

Are you one of those who are easily discouraged? When things go against you, do you lack the courage to continue? When you are down, do you feel like quitting? Well, if you are, write for Richard Jones' formula on Perseverance And Its Reward. (Adv.)

Clyde Coyhis, 148, Milwaukee, gave Richard Jones, 146, Los Angeles, a lacing in the first round of their bout at the Ocean Park Arena. And in the second heat Coyhis laid it on even harder, twice flooring Jones. Would Jones come out for the third? He would—and how! Richard came out to win the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth (count 'em), which added up to a unanimous decision.

In supporting bouts: Windy Hawkins, 160, decisioned Jesse Richards, 162, in four; Jackie Blair, 127, whipped Cadillac Clemens, 127, in a four; Carl Arakaki, 130, stopped Lou Jamerson, 136, in the third; Roy Daniels, 154, won over Bobby Rounds, 161, in four; Harold Jordan, 144, disposed of Mike Banda, 140, in the first heat. (Mike, why don't you think it over?)

Finis has been written to the meteoric career of Fabela Chavez. And his descent has been as rapid as was his rise. Within ten months after leaving the amateur ranks, Chavez was fighting main-events at Hollywood. In another ten months Fabela had been featured ten times and had become the hottest attraction in Los Angeles. Then his upset defeat by Alfredo Escobar, followed by four more losses.

And now, on this night, at the age of only 21, within two years of the time he was the rave of the press and the idol of his countrymen—Fabela Chavez is washed-up. He has just suffered his sixth defeat since his decline, by being stopped in the fifth round by Tote Martinez at the Los Angeles Olympic. The bout produced some fast action, but Martinez furnished most of it.

Chavez showed weariness as early as the third round, and was completely exhausted in the final minute of the fifth, when he was pounded into a groggy condition. Fabela was bleeding from the nose and cuts over both eyes, as well as being dazed and wobbly at the bell. Referee Abe Roth and Chavez's handlers were in agreement that Fabela was in no condition to come out for the sixth. Martinez weighed 136, Chavez 138.

Manager George Parnassus announced Chavez's retirement following the bout.

In the semi, Spencer Coleman, 156, won by TKO over Rudy Davila, 156, in the fourth, due to a cut over Davila's right eye.

In the four-rounders: Rudy Garcia, 126, stiffened Manuel Hernandez, 121, in the opening round; Babe Huerta, 145, beat Harold Jordan, 141; Al Smith, 145, and Vernon Jordan, 141, fought to a draw; Reuben Torres, 129, laced Cadillac Clemens, 128.

A GOLDEN GLOVE TO—CAL EATON

It was in July, 1942, that Cal Eaton's friends began to feel sorry for him, for, it was at that time that he began promoting boxing at the Los Angeles Olympic. "Why, the poor guy, he has never promoted boxing before, and no less than three experienced promoters have flopped in their efforts to put boxing over in that big barn." The place was truly a "white elephant." It had been closed up half the time for years.

The big auditorium was so much in disrepute, that, as one sports writer put it, "No self-respecting citizen would be caught dead in the place."

Eaton's first shows grossed about $1000. Nine out of ten men would have given up right then. But Eaton stayed with it and although the gates gradually picked up—after six months' effort, Cal hadn't made a dime. Only one man in a hundred would keep on at this point. Eaton was that man.

Shortly after, things began to break. Y'know, people follow the crowds. And the man whom his friends felt sorry for, has not only made his stake at the "big barn," but has also made boxing history in California. The Olympic grossed $600,000 in 1945; $1,000,000 in '46, and $800,000 in '47. The club paid in $400,000 in Federal and State taxes during 1946-47.

And records! Why, this Eaton man has broken all the former California fistic promotion records. The Olympic had a weekly average gate of $21,000 during 1946. His title fight between Ortiz and Dade drew $48,000, largest California indoor gate. The title go between Williams and Bolanos, staged at Wrigley Field, topped all California gates, grossing $152,867.

But the merits of a promoter should not be judged solely by the gate receipts of his attractions. And here is where Eaton scores again. The manner in which his promotions have been staged is the true test of his ability. Los Angeles has had some very distasteful boxing promotions, in fact, a couple of them were disgraceful. Whereas, Eaton's attractions were the best conducted affairs to ever be staged in this city.

In years to come, the name of Cal Eaton might well be associated with such great California boxing promoters as James Coffroth, Tom McCarey and Jack Doyle.

My Annual Rating of the California boxers will be in this column next month.

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IOWA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

BOXING which has been dormant during the summer months in South Dakota is back on the fistic map.

Mitchell, S. D.—Special to "RING" Correspondent. Fighting Mitchell boxers scored wins in a total of five of eleven bouts in the first indoor boxing card of the season in which Mitchell, Winner, and Chamberlain showed their wares.

Results of the bouts:

George Earle, 108, Mitchell, decisioned Richard Jones, 110.

Glenn Westendorf, Mitchell, 162, split decision over Gene Adamson, 160, Sioux Falls.

Gordon Creech, 120, Mitchell, technical knockout over Red Bethke, 127, Sioux Falls (1:15 of first round).

Wendell Postisil, 134, Winner, decisioned Ben Ahrendt, 134, Mitchell.

Glenn Bethke, 168, Sioux Falls, split decision over Francis Chase, 165, Sioux Falls.

Dale Volberg, 153, Winner, technical knockout over DeWayne Clustka, 151, Mitchell (1:18 of third round).

Dale Welch, 121, Winner, split decision over Ken Ackerman, 125, Sioux Falls.

Orvil Cook, 150, Sioux Falls, decisioned Keith Thompson, 156, Mitchell.

Paul Guerard, 123, Winner, decisioned Abe Assid, 127, Sioux Falls.

Dale Creech, 143, Mitchell, split decision over DeWayne Leiferman, 145, Chamberlain.

Hariand Reislan, 146, Mitchell, split decision over Johnny Ruff, 140, Sioux Falls.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, 130, Des Moines, fighting out in Hollywood, Cal., was stopped in 2:22 of the fourth round at the hands of Jess Flores, 139, of Stockton, Cal. A hard right to the chin ended the bout.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—The fight of the month around Iowa took place at Cedar Rapids, where Bobby Carew, rapid rising young Negro featherweight from Des Moines T.K.O.'ed Ronnie Cannon, of Chicago, in 51 seconds of the seventh round. It was the first professional boxing card in Cedar Rapids since 1941 and was promoted by Lew Dochterman. Carew had Cannon on the run from the start and pounded his foe repeatedly with hard rights and lefts. It was the 18th professional triumph against one loss and one draw for Carew, who has the makings of a comer.

Bob Rossie, former Cedar Rapids Golden Gloves champion, fighting in the professional ranks at 152, fought to a slashing six-round draw with Buzz Lanning, 150, Ottumwa. Slowed up with a head cold, Rossie was not at his best, and tired badly after the fourth round. Lanning showed the benefit of his wider experience as he hurt Rossie with several hard rights. It was a good bout all the way, with both boys giving their best.

In a slam-bang bout Louis Crumes, 140, of Ottumwa, met Billy Mitchell, 152, of Chicago, and Crumes closed Mitchell's left eye in the second round with a series of pot-shots, but was unable to put over a sleep producer. Then Crumes suffered cuts around both eyes and the bout was filled with scarlet. However Louis managed to cop the six-round decision.

Ray Michael, 152, Cedar Rapids, dropped a close decision to Adolphus Edwards, 150, of Des Moines, in four. Willie Sims, 200-pound Ottumwa Negro, was knocked out in 1:40 of the second round of his bout with Jimmy Fox, of Galesburg, Ill.

Mail Bag—D. D. H., Sioux Falls, S. D. Read over THE RING book shop ad for the books you want. W. Mossberg, St. Louis, Mo.—Never heard of that fighter and his record sounds bad. S. D. Norfolk, Neb.—Write to THE RING or buy a record book.

From Washington, comes word that Interior Department has frowned upon—but not forbidden—boxing in Indian schools. The recommendation "discouraging" boxing as an official sport would affect about 2000 young men in 15 Indian grammar and high schools in Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. A member of the South Dakota state boxing commission, Barney Boos, asserted that the policy announced in Washington "will just about kill amateur boxing in South Dakota." Pete C. Pitchlynn, coach and athletic director at the Flandreau, S. D., Indian school, said no opposition to boxing had been noted at the Flandreau school. He further stated that boxing will continue in the school this year unless it is directed otherwise. It is our thought if amateur boxing is going to get the "boot" it might be well for the professional side to sit up and take notice, and find out just what is behind the curtain. Once a snowball starts to roll it can get pretty big, fellows.

Please mail your news to 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Iowa. For you fellas who call their news in, our phone is 8-6849.

At this time of the year I wish to thank my many correspondents for helping me get out this column every month, and at the same time wish every one a happy New Year.

Charles Is the Fighter of Month

By THE RING STAFF

TO Ezzard Charles goes the honor of being designated THE RING'S Fighter of the Month. When Ezzard halted Joe Baksi in the eleventh round in Madison Square Garden, he put the Kulpmont heavyweight out of the picture so far as a fight with Joe Louis is concerned and enabled Charles to add to his prestige.

Boxing took a leap forward during the past month, with many of the outstanding pugilists getting into action. In the heavyweight division, besides the Charles-Baksi tilt, Joey Maxim took the measure of Jimmy Bivins to climb a few notches. Billy Conn, attempting a comeback, knocked out Joe Lyons and engaged in an exhibition with Joe Louis, but he must show more than he did in those performances to gain a post back in the heavyweight ratings. Bruce Woodcock's victory on a foul over Lee Savold didn't gain the British heavyweight king anything but jeers.

Sylvester Perkins, a boy who can easily make the middleweight division, but like Ezzard Charles, prefers to fight in the higher class, continues to show championship form. He is gradually getting to the top of the challengers' post. Archie Moore and Bob Satterfield were among the highly rated boxers who gained victories.

Ralph Zannelli, who had knocked Raadik out of the picture among the middleweights, later fought Johnny Cesario for the New England welter title and the result was a victory for Cesario.

In the welter class Kid Gavilan continued his victories with one over Ben Buker in Havana. Frankie Fernandez knocked out Tommy Bell in ten and Gene Buffalo put Charley Williams down several pegs by beating him in an eight rounder. Bernard Docusen added three triumphs to his credit.

Freddie Dawson's victory over Bee Bee Wright came as a surprise and raised Dawson in the lightweight ranking. Enrique Bolanos continued his top rating by taking the measure of Tommy Campbell. Ike Williams in a non-title bout, stopped Billy Nixon, and Lew Jenkins, back from Japan, resumed his fighting career with the knockout of Andres Balderas. Jenkins is still in the army and is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Sandy Saddler, who expects to be a fighting champion, took on several over-the-weight matches with success. The most important fights of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles stopped Joe Baksi in 11. Joey Maxim decisioned Jimmy Bivins, 10. Melio Bettina outmauled Enrique Felpi, 10. Bruce Woodcock won on a foul over Lee Savold, 4. Enrico Bertola defeated Tony Bosnick, 10. Aaron Wilson won the international heavyweight tournament by defeating Stephane Olek in 12.

Johnny Shkor drew with Angel Sotillo, 10. Gino Buonovino outscored Red Cameron, 8. Lee Oma flattened Tommy Gomez, 1. Johnny Flynn defeated Ted Lowry, 10. Billy Conn knocked out Jackie Lyons, 9. Olle Tandberg kayoed Eugene Robert, 3. Joe Kahut stopped Lloyd De Lucchi, 4. Bernie Reynolds defeated Leo Matriciani, 10. Dusty Wilkerson upset Gene Jones, 8. Johnny Haynes decisioned Curtis Sheppard, 10.

Paco Bueno outpointed Jean Declercq, 3; and Robert Eugene, 8; but in turn was knocked out by Stephane Olek, 1. Olek also flattened Scohy, 2; and outpointed Carl Nielson, 8, after Nielson had halted Jean Gilberto, 2.

Piet Wilde decisioned Albert Coulbaly, 3; but lost to Kurt Schiegl, 8. Schiegl was flattened in three by Aaron Wilson, who also stopped Smardz, 2; and Gabriel Bigotte, 1; and decisioned Stephane Olek, 12.

Curt Kennedy chilled O. C. Kidd, 1; and decisioned John Hardy, 6. Roland La Starza stopped Gene Gosney, 6. Pat Comiskey stopped Bill Weinberg, 7. Rocky Marciano flattened Patrick Connolly, 1.

Caesar Brion kayoed Willie Parker, 2; and beat Leon Spalding, 6; and kayoed Gene Felton, 6. Maynard Jones outfought Johnny Swanson, 8. Willie Bean flattened Jimmy Bell, 3. Jess Hall drew with Bill Petersen, 10. Sid Peaks flattened Beau Brown, 1. Mike Jacobs halted Sylvester Salters, 6; but lost to Tami Mauriello, 10. Lee Q. Murray knocked out McKinley English, 2. Vince Donnelly flattened Don Jackson, 4. Bob Garner stiffened Jesse McCowan, 2. Whitey Berlier bested Eddie LaMarr, 10. Carmine Vingo kayoed James Walls, 2. Les Irwin bested Claude McClintock, 6; but was stopped by Joe Dominic, 3.

Joe Lindsay outmauled Jimmy Walker, 8; and chilled Don Searles, 1. Archie McBride defeated Nino Valdez, 8. Paddy Slavin was flattened by light-heavyweight Johnny Barton, 2. Reg Andrews stopped Bill Brennan, 4. Steve King outmauled Lonnie Clark, 6. Orlando Ott knocked out Frankie Majors, 1; and Pedro Bradley, 3. Roy Thomas stopped Henry Jones, 2. Steve King shaded Rizieri Ronci, 5. Mike Buha stretched Juan Hernandez, 1.

Bernie Reynolds got off the deck to kayo Harry Berntsen, 3. Leo Matriciani decisioned Clint Conway, 10.

George Kaplan was a winner over Fred McManus, 6. Jimmy Evans chilled Matt Mincey, 1.

Gino Bofi chilled Willie Armstrong, 1. Jimmy Hill scratched Jake Hillman, 4.

Phil Muscato knocked out Bob Sikes, 2. Veteran Natie Brown drew with Tommy Gomez, 10.

Jackie Lyons defeated Eddie LaMarr, 10. Gino Buonvino defeated Red Cameron, 8.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Sylvester Perkins chilled Kenny Barton, 1. Nick Barone defeated Chuck Hunter, 10. Ted Lowry battered Billy Fox to take a ten-round duke. Archie Moore nodded Bob Amos, 10. Bob Satterfield decisioned Bob Amos, 10. Jose Basora stopped Tony DeMicco, 8. DeMicco defeated Jimmy Curl, 10. Artie Levine halted Henry Chemel, 4.

Jota Jota Fernandez lost to Easy Boy Francis, 10. Dick Wagner stopped Davey Feld, 2. Johnny Barton flattened heavyweight Paddy Slavin, 2. Billy Doerner kayoed Willie Hegemond, 2; but was stopped by Eddie Dutton, 6. Ben Skelton beat Tom McKeagney, 6. Gene Darconte stopped Angel Martinez, 2; and Bob Jefferson, 1. Harry Haft beat Jim Richards, 6. Harry Bilzerian stopped Howard Butler, 2. Joe Governale defeated Tom McKeagney, 8. Abel Gonzalves chilled Ralph Regan, 1.

George Kaplan kayoed Roy Shaft, 2. Anthony Jones stopped Bobby Quinn, 10. Don Perro bested Angel Martinez, 6; and Bob Jefferson, 6. Johnny Bassett stopped Lou Jones, 4. Fidel Arciniega stopped Ernie Mason, 6. Jimmy Hooper drew with Vernon Williams, 8. Benny Laros kayoed Billy Kilby, 2. Dave Clark knocked out Leo Carter, 5.

Johnny Bassett whipped Larry Shaw, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tommy Yarosz defeated Randy Brown, 8; but lost to Jake LaMotta, 10. British champion Dick Turpin held to 12-round darw by Italian champion Tiberio Mitri. Vince Hawkins outboxed French champion Jean Stock, 8. Anton Raadik kayoed by welterweight Ralph Zannelli, 5; and then lost to Reuben Jones, 10. Joey DeJohn flattened Sonny Horne, 1. Rocky Castellani defeated Sonny Horne, 10. Jerome Frazier chilled O'Neill Bell, 3. Earl Turner outpointed Fred Apostoli, 10. Lee Sala outscored Reuben Jones, 10; and kayoed Jimmy Hayden, 7.

Bob Murphy knocked out Nap Howard, 3. Art Towne knocked out Buddy Farrell, 3. Laurent Dauthuille beat Pete Zaduck, 10. Al Hostak decisioned Paulie Peters, 10. Roy Miller nodded Smuggy Hursey, 10. Major Jones took the measure of Louis Gray, 10. Jackie Burke drew with Pennington Brown, 8; and also with Bob Morelli, 6. Pete Mead was held to a draw by Joe Rindone, 10; but Pete came back to outclass Mickey Doyle, 10.

Alex Buxton won on foul over Bert Saunders, 4. Levi Southall stopped Eddie O'Neill, 10. Jesse Jenkins beat Bobby James, 6. Jose Contreras bested Al Priest, 10. Tony Riccio stopped Eddie Edwards, 6. Tony Elizondo knocked out Louis Rousse, 6. Jim Leslie beat Eddie Marmo, 6. Harry Matthews upset Milo Savage, 10.

Pete Zaduck won over Harry Hurst, on a disqualification in 3. DeWitt Dean kayoed Leroy Coleman, 3; but lost to Sipio Lofton, 8; and Burl Charity, 8. Charity kayoed Al Winn, 8; Lofton kayoed Red Peterson, 1. Vinnie Cidone outpointed Art Tatta, 6. Jimmy Beau defeated Ted Pritchard, 6. Jim Flood bested Buddy Jackson, 8; and then repeated the win. Louis Gray stopped Jack Biddle, 7. Gus Cossifus drew with Lou Pompey, 4. Jimmy Herring won over Henry Holt, 6; and Jimmy Jackson, 6.

Ralph Zannelli kayoed Anton Raadik, 5. Lee Patrick lost to Sid Haber, 6. Tommy Varsos shaded Bill Dooley, 6; and chilled Mario Marino, 3. George Small beat Richie Dallas, 8. Sammy Wilde flattened Jack Harding, 1. Charley Howle nodded Billy Gallagher, 6. Joe Danos stopped Chet Vinci, 7. Chuck Higgins chilled Larry Hull, 3. Red Arrow won over Nick Kashuba, 10. Joe Taylor kayoed Al Fisher, 4. Curtis Moore flattened Bob Davis, 6.

Sammy Thompson put an end to the winning ways of Carmine Vitale, 4. Hurley Sanders nodded Bobby Thompson, 4; and Joe Martino, 6. Carmine Vitale stopped Danny Ventura, 4. Leo Gabriel whipped Angel Chavez, 6; and stopped Ernie Butler, 4. Jackie Morris bested Jimmy Rice, 8. Ernie Durando flattened Earl Peoples, 1; but lost to Roger Muriel, 8.

Eddie O'Neill beat Willie Russell, 10. George Small stiffened Charley Dawson, 4. Casto Shimkovich overpowered Nat Blum, 6. Eddie Guarino scored over Jim Walters, 8. Andy DePaul defeated Freddie Lott, 8. Tony Johnson flattened Eddie Perkins, 4; and drew with Nat Blum, 4.

J. C. Wilkins stopped Coley Welch, 6. Erskine Howell outscored Pedro Jiminez, 10. Bill Stemmler defeated Jack Biddle, 8. Tommy Engelhart whipped Hurley Sanders, 4. Len Taglia stopped Fist Dever, 5.

Vinnie Cidone won over Art Tatta, 6. Tony Rose bested Nick Bufalino, 6. Jim Walters beat Julie Rinaldo, 6. Jackie Lovatt chilled Ted Brassley, 2. Mike Angustain stopped Ben Mendoza, 9.

Haywood Warnum defeated Nick Kashuba, 10. Henry Brimm outpointed Cleve Bailey, 10.

Ike Martin beat Sam Muscato, 6. Jimmy Gray bested Cliff Williams, 6. Lee Patrick kayoed Eddie Marmo, 3.

Harold Johnson flattened Willie Brown, 7. Gene Darconte knocked out John Williams, 1.

Joe DeJohn halted O'Neill Bell, 3. Joe Danos was stopped by Frankie Cordino, 9.

Jose Basora defeated Jimmy Curl, 10. Joe Taylor stopped Leon Gabriel, 7.

Bert Lytell defeated Sylvester Perkins, 10. Lee Sala kayoed Jackie Armitage, 9. Joe Tate whipped Don Ellis, 10.

Nat Blum kayoed Emilio Silfe, 1. Jackie Burke beat Willie Parker, 10. Kenny Barton stopped Joey Hartfield, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Kid Gavilan thrashed Ben Buker, 10. Frankie Fernandez knocked out Tommy Bell, 10. Gene Buffalo upset Charley Williams, 8. Bernard Docusen decisioned John L. Davis, 10; and stopped Shamus McCray, 7; and stopped Buford Ransom, 10. Ransom chilled Johnny Suarez, 3.

George Costner thrashed Willie Russell, 10. Gene Burton was held to a draw by Ben Buker, 10; but beat Herman McCray, 8; and Terry Moore, 10. Beau Jack stopped Chuck Taylor, 1. Bee Bee Wright lost to Freddie Dawson, 10. Johnny Cesario defeated Leo Sawicki, 10; and Ralph Zannelli, 12. Zannelli knocked out middleweight Anton Raadik, 5. Don Carr won South African title by shading Alf James, 12.

Bobby Lee drew with Johnny Bratton, 10. Billy Graham thrashed Joe Lucignano, 8. Chester Rico drew with Al Baldisano, 10; and lost to Arthur King, 10. Billy Exley outfought Bob Burniston, 10. Gwyn Williams whipped Laurie Buxton, 8; and knocked out Jim Wellard, 6. Stan Hawthorne kayoed Tommy Armour, 4. Scottish champion Willie Whyte decisioned Dick Shields, 8; but was flattened by Welsh champion Eddie Thomas, 6; who also stopped Dutch champion, Giel de Roode, 7.

Robert Takeshita nodded Bobby Burgess, 10. Honey Johnson stopped Speedy Lawrence, 2; but lost to Chino Varona, 8. Ted Bussey stopped Bill Cassidy, 2. Bobby Dykes kayoed Jesus LaMela, 2; and Choforo Martinez, 8. Alfie Sands stopped Fred LaRose, 6. Kev Delaney outfought Jackie Daniels, 12. Lester Felton outpointed Henry Jordan, 10. Joe Sgro outpointed Gene Cartwright, 8.

Speedy Lawrence kayoed George LaRover, 4. Vince Foster outlasted Nick Mistovich, 8. Al Mobley licked Otis Graham, 8; but lost to Gene Hairston, 10. Graham decisioned Ike Jenkins, 8. Al Hersh stopped Ross Anzalone, 5. Jackie Wilson drew with Willie Jenkins, 10. Alf Danahar flattened Bob Frost, 2.

Johnny Bernardo defeated Eddie Holtz, 6; and stopped Clyde Diggs, 4. Tommy Mills whipped Tommy Greb, 10; but lost to Hermie Freeman, 10. Jimmy Green defeated Bill Dooley, 6.

Cliff Hart beat Frankie Abrams, 10. Johnny Priest stiffened Barry Wood, 2. Jackie Wilson knocked out Freddie Small, 4. Iggy Vaccari thrashed Johnny Parker, 6. Danny McKay stopped Frank Duffy, 6. Joe Green drew with Art Bethea, 8. Buddy Palmer flattened Johnny Hines, 1. Al Costantino defeated Dave Andrews, 8. Tommy Engelhardt stopped Jimmy Burgess, 3.

Jackie Wilson outstabbed Freddie Ruffin, 8. Billy Patterson knocked out Eddie Perkins, 3. Andy Drachmas drew with Joey Hernandez, 6; beat Carlin Scott, 6; and Johnny Crosby, 8. Scott also lost to Joey Varoff, 6. Joe Curcio outscored Johnny Crosby, 8.

Chico Varona decisioned George Johnson, 6. Charley Spicer defeated Bobby Baldwin, 6. Al Guido bested Mario Marino, 8. Bobby Neal was a victor over Jimmy Sanders, 10. Eddie Bell won over Chico Pacheco, 8. Earl Moore beat Tiger

Flowers, 6. Paddy Young defeated Joey Peralta, 8. Augie Incobellis defeated Bill Chappy, 4.

Tommy Bazzano bested Billy Morris, 6. Billy Paul chilled Buddy Lessard, 4. Mario Marino trounced Rocky Dixon, 6. Chuck Gibbons decisioned Paul O'Hara, 6. Lenny Durham defeated Frank Balestra, 6. Joe Fernandez outpointed Eddie Edwards, 6. Mel Goldstein beat Henry Clark, 4.

Jackie Cooper bested Len Lukes, 6. Country Sherman decisioned Frankie Frye, 4; and stopped Ray Clark, 4. Mickey Alagna chilled Roosevelt Henry, 3. Solly Levitt drew with Ralph Gigante, 6. Frankie Carini won over Frank Balestra, 6. Lou Gillespie whipped Vinnie Mazac, 6; but lost to Ray Solomon, 6.

Frankie Cordino defeated Jerry Coursol, 10. Hy Melzer was a victor over Jack Larrimore, 8. Irvin Steen chilled Tello Cruz, 4. Joe Mullins beat Mario Grizzo, 4. Tito Despaigne stopped Santiago Sosa, 7; and decisioned Baby Coullimber, 10.

Johnny Kaufman halted Mayhew Smith, 5. Charley Salas kayoed Jose Rocha, 5; and stopped Frank Saucedo, 6. Jackie Williams beat Danny Robinson, 10. Tim Dalton outpointed Eddie Lander, 8. Don Williams halted Lucky Jordan, 4. Dave Andrews beat Rudy Zadell, 10. Angelo Morganti won over Freddie Menna, 8. Mike Kobella defeated John Darby, 6. Vince Merollo stopped Billy Gallagher, 2. Billy Wyatt halted Harold Moore, 3.

Billy Graham thrashed Billy Lee, 8. Joe Curcio stopped Angel Chavez, 3. Chuck Taylor nodded Frankie Abrams, 10.

Sonny Hampton halted George Smith, 5. George Sherman won from Jackie Keough, 8. Art Andrews stopped Jesse Johnson, 3.

Gene Salisbury beat George Branch, 6. Don Williams flattened George Gervin, 2.

Chaforo Martinez stopped Hal Meredith, 9. Andy DePaul defeated John Crosby, 8.

Tony Pellone decisioned George LaRover, 10. Al Guido defeated Joey Carkido, 8. Robert Takeshita knocked out Eric Boon, 3.

Tony Riccio outpointed Joe Martino, 8. Robert Miller knocked out Mickey Alagna, 3. Bill Chappy won over Larry Cohen, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Ike Williams stopped Billy Nixon in 4 (Non-Title). Enrique Bolanos battered Tommy Campbell, 12. Former champion Lew Jenkins knocked out Andreas Balderas, 3. Maxie Docusen stopped Bobby Jackson, 4; and outscored Benny Walker, 10. Johnny Bratton chilled Joe Brown, 4. Arthur King outclassed Chester Rico, 10.

Sonny Boy West knocked out Stonewall Jackson, 8; and then decisioned Jackson in 12. Solly Cantor defeated British Champion Billy Thompson, 8. Del Flanagan kayoed Pedro Juarez, 2; and beat Charlie Baxter, 8. Rudy Cruz drew with Jesse Flores, 10; and Flores knocked out Nick Smith, 10; and beat Paulino Montes, 10. Freddie Dawson stopped Terry Gibson, 7, and beat Bee Bee Wright, 10. Harold Jones defeated Rudy Zadell, 10. Ken Bailey decisioned Norm Gent, 12.

Willie Beltram belted out Joey Carkido in 7; and beat Joey Belfiore, 10. Scottish champion Harry Hughes outpointed Morrie Jones, 8. Eddie Bertolino shaded Gordon House, 10; and Tony Mar, 10. Tommy Barnham decisioned Hughie Smith, 8; and George Harrison, 8.

Tote Martinez defeated Alfredo Escobar, 10; and kayoed Fabela Chavez, 5. Joey Velez bested Keith Nuttall, 10. Bob Sandberg flattened Al Jordan, 1. George Dunn was a victor over Teddy Davis, 10. Keith Hamilton whipped Gordon House, 10. Jimmy Robinson chilled Len Smith, 9.

Jimmy Corti whipped Jackie Weber, 10. Dennis Pat Brady was a victor over Teddy Davis, 10; but lost to Sandy Saddler, 10. Tony LaBua whipped Russ Howard, 8. Leroy Willis defeated Joey Angelo, 10. Timothy Hayes won over Eddie White, 10; and lost to Roy Andrews, 10. Jimmy Watkins stopped Jimmy Hegeman, 6; and stopped Pete Ferrente, 4. Tony Ducharme beat Edgar Gallant, 8; and Tommy Wells, 10.

Keith Nuttall bested Bobby Foster, 10. Bert Hornby stiffened Don Cameron, 2; and whipped Jimmy Jury, 8. Hal Bagwell outfought Chris Jenkins, 8; and Johnny Barnes, 8; but lost to Morrie Jones, 8. Jones, in turn, was outpointed by George Daly, 8. Jackie Marshall edged out Paddy Dowdall, 8.

Joe Gabriel drew with Charley McGarry, 6. Talmadge Bussey beat Jesse Underwood, 10; and Jim Robinson, 10. Underwood also lost to Al Gaultiere, 10. Ted Bussey stopped Bill Cassidy, 2. Joe Micilli defeated Al Pennino, 8. Bruno Lijoi whipped Bobby Nicholas, 4; and Nicholas drew with Ernie Majury, 4.

Johnny Hudson outpointed Billy Jones, 6. Danny Stepnovich defeated Ralph Ferrera, 10. Willie Leo flattened Vic Young, 5. Larry Mujica beat Kenny Clark, 4. Billy Murphy nodded Ernie Parker, 6. Danny Collette stiffened Tom Holston, 4. Jim Donnelly beat Jimmy Tarangelo, 6; and Tarangelo was kayoed by Jim Watkins, 2.

Roy Andrews decisioned Timothy Hayes, 10. Al Rojas outpointed John Graham, 4. Manuel Dizon bested Robert Gainville, 4. Vic Capcino outscored Henry McIntosh, 6. Steve Marcello defeated Red Wells, 8. Mario Coll drew with Jay White, 6; and Herb Johnson, 6.

George Wright lost to Lou Castrilli, 6. Al Smith drew with Tony Riccio, 10. Jean Mougin defeated Tommy Vargas, 10. Andy Bishop defeated Mal Evans, 8. Johnny DeFazio beat Ernie Majury, 4. Lulu Williams beat Reggie Martina, six.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Vince Donnelly, Milwaukee, Wis.
Light-heavyweight—Dick Thelan, Milwaukee, Wis.
Middleweight—Jimmy Beau, Bridgeport, Conn.
Welterweight—Larry Mujica, Venezuela
Lightweight—Jack Hassen, Australia
Featherweight—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bantamweight—Johnny Arduini, Washington, D.C.
Flyweight—Peter Keenan, Scotland.

Freddie Russo bested Eduardo Carrasco, 10. Al Gaultiere nodded Jesse Underwood, 10. James Carter whipped Louis Joyce, 10. Ernie Hunick flattened Del Cockayne, 2. Walter Haines kayoed Charley Donovan, 3. Carmine Fiore chilled Bob Gainville, 1. Benny Calla knocked out Nick Diaz, 6. Danny Stepnovich bested Snooks Howard, 10.

Herbie Jones knocked out Fred Smith, 3. Keith Hamilton was too fast for Jesse Underwood, 10.

Keith Nuttall kayoed Sidney Hitchens, 2.

James Watkins Jr. outpointed Charley Donovan, 6. Joey Angelo bested Hermie Freeman, 10. Nick Smith beat Canguro Zavala, 10.

Maxie Docusen won an easy 10-rounder over the bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz. Lou Castrilli stopped Jimmy Hegeman, 8.

Red Perkins bested Tommy Mills, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champion Sandy Saddler outpointed Dennis Pat Brady, 10 (non-title), and kayoed Eddie Giosa, 2. European Champion Raymond Famechon successfully defended title against Jean Machtelinck, 15. Famechon also stopped Tommy Burns, 7. Burns outpointed Frankie Kelly, 8. Australian Champion Eddie Miller whipped Tony Lombard, 11. Johnny Molloy outfought Elis Ask, 10.

Jackie Graves decisioned Proctor Heinhold, 10. Harold Dade was a winner over Lauro Salas, 12; and Alfredo Escobar, 10.

Glen Flanagan defeated Proctor Heinhold, 10. Corky Gonzales won over Sonny Gomez, 8. Paul Roach decisioned Johnny Travis, 6. Charley Riley beat Ted Davis, 10. Tito Valles nodded Jimmy Callura, 8. Percy Bassett kayoed Bobby Bell, 7; and Archie Wilmer, 1. Mickey Young bashed Wally Doktor, 6; but was stopped by Henry Schillizzi, 3.

Joe Velez drew with Joey Clemo, 10. George LaFalgio won over Russ Howard, 8. Sal Ferello thrashed Jose Colon Garcia, 8. Johnny Miller flattened Jackie Horseman, 3. Bobby Richards drew with Monty Montgomery, 10. Jean Richard outscored Fernando Gagnon, 10. Nerry Ferry decisioned Isaac Thomas, 8. Paul Thibault nodded Aponte Torres, 10.

Filberto Osario took a ten-rounder from Jimmy Cooper. Bobby Lloyd defeated Reuben Davis, 6. Henry LaSane won over Clem Custer, 10. Jackie Cunningham halted Tim Healey, 3. Eddie Marotta laced Vic Eisen, 8. Murray Levine won over Henry Schillizzi, 6; and kayoed John Lemon, 3. Johnny Wolgast won over Tony Longo, 8.

Johnny Carr decisioned Jimmy Watkins, 4. Mel Neary knocked out Georgie Knox, 1. Bernard Pugh flattened Jimmy Green, 5. Eddie Dumazel outboxed Stan Gossip, 8. Vito Celentano drew with Jimmy Fudu, 4. Tim Healy beat Jim Watkins, 6.

Wilfredo Brewster outscored Baby Garcia, 10, and Cesar Leal also in 10. Kid Zefine defeated Kid Chocolate, 10. Archie Devino won over Jackie Cunningham, 8. Cosmo Greco drew with Walter Hudson, 4. Tony Cocco lost to Art Vernon, 4. Tommy Baker drew with Russ Davis, 6.

Filberto Osario beat Ray Edwards, 8.

Glen Flanagan won over Charley Riley, 10. Bobby Bell kayoed Jim Watkins, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Ronnie Draper decisioned Jackie Paterson, 8. Stan Rowan outpointed Peter Kane, 12. Cecil Schoonmaker defeated Star Naven, 10. French champion Theo Medina retained title by outpointing Luis Fernandez, 15. Teddy Gardner was too shifty for Sammy Reynolds, 8.

Les Johnson drew with Johnny Kent, 8; and Kent came back to outpoint Billy Daniels, 8. Luis Galvani was held to a draw by Leo LeBrun, 10. Bobby Boland stiffened Al Lloyd, 3. Jimmy Webster decisioned Jimmy Gill, 8; and Tommy Cummings, 8. Roland Richards defeated Bernie Murray, 10. David Kui Kong Young whipped Chai Sitphol, 10.

Eddie McCullough whipped Kid Tanner, 10. Memo Valero decisioned Jose Cardenas, 10. Ken Diston outfought Charley Waters, 6. Ray Skelton edged out Ken Hatcher, 15. Dave Lloyd outpunched Kid Tanner, 8. Eddie Carson stopped Benny Lacey, 5.

Peter Fay won on disqualification over Vernon Solas, 6; edged out Billy Daniels, 8; and kayoed Ron Bissell, 6. Jackie McCall was too strong for flyweight Billy Worthington, 8; but, in turn, was no match for Danny O'Sullivan, who stopped him in the third.

Javier Gutteriz whipped Tommy Rhett, 6. Helcon Tabasqueno drew with Baby Zaragoza, 10; and beat Baby over the same distance. Gabi Macias whipped Fili Nava, 10. Roy Ball shaded Dennis Sale, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

French champion Louis Skena whipped Danny Carabella, 10; and knocked out Giani Capobianchi, 9. Norman Tennant stopped Jen Sneyers, 3. Terry Allen outpointed Charley Wilson, 8. Jackie Briers outfought Joe Murphy, 8, and kayoed Jimmy Gill, 5. Les Johnson was held to a draw by Pinchie Thompson, 8.

Joe Murphy stopped Welsh champion, George Sutton, 2. Peter Keenan flattened Dennis Reed, 2; and Ken Jepson, 3. Tim Mahoney decisioned Jackie Foster, 8. Pat Roberts outpointed Harold Clarke, 6. Jackie Fairclough kayoed Dennis Sale, 3.

Paddy Hyland stopped Bob Birkenhead, 1; but in turn was charged with a kayo defeat when he and his opponent, Jackie Hodder, fell out of the ring in seventh round; Hodder returned in time but Hyland was still outside ropes when "ten" was counted.

Roy Thomas halted Tommy Charlesworth, 5. Vic Herman stiffened Ike Weir, 2. Jim Jennings polished off Jackie Thomas, 3; and outpointed Jimmy Cardew, 4. Tommy Rhett outpointed Henry Caravelho, 6. Skeets Gallagher flattened Joe Quinn, 1. Hughie Byrne stopped Mickey McLaughlin, 1. Henry Carpentier outpointed Billy Finch, 6.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA

By WALT MARLOW

WITH three good promoters operating throughout the west now, Canadian fight fans in this part of the fistic world can look with a pleasing eye to the future.

Gene Mason, who handled the promotional reins in Vancouver two years ago, has now hung the "open for business" sign in Edmonton, and from all appearances, will do all right in the Alberta capital. Al Principe, Vancouver's current promoter, and Ernie Farr, Calgary, like Mason, are getting results, and on the basis of Jersey Joe Edwards decisioned Hanil Slater, and George Klements drew with Nat Fisher.

Calgary—Wilf Dejardins, the most active fighter in Western Canada, romped off with the Western Canadian lightweight title when he scored a unanimous decision over veteran Al Slater. One of the best fights staged in Calgary in the past year, the show drew 2000 for Promoter Farr.

In the six-round semi, Bobby Daly, 150, scored a fifth round T.K.O. over Steve Ganger, 150, Lethbridge. Daly, who hails from Burma, outclassed Ganger all the way.

Preliminaries saw Ken Edwards, 145, Athabasca, hang a kayo wallop on Chuck Hampton, 145, Carstairs, at 1:40 of the third; Ernie Kemick decisioned Billy Green in a welterweight four; Ken Angevine scored over Bud Fisher; Jersey Joe Edwards decisioned Hanil Slater, and George Klements drew with Nat Fisher.

Vancouver—Rough, tough Roy Wouters, making his 19th pro start, attached another K. O. triumph to his record when he put the crusher on Billy Corbett, Sedro Wooley, Washington, early in the eighth round.

Vancouver's latest sensation, Stan Almond, romped to an easy K.O. triumph over Alvin DeJaynes, Omaha, in the second.

Prelims wound up as follows: Bernie Lewis and Terry Forrest drew in a lightweight four; Curley Froreich, Seattle, knocked out Billy McDonald, Vancouver, in the second of a middleweight event, Bill Brenner, Vancouver middle, stopped Neil McDonald of Seattle via the T.K.O. route, and Gordon Savage, Winnipeg, K.O.'ed Jimmy Valentine, Seattle, in the second. Valentine was fined $10 by the commission for not trying.

The card drew 1341 fans, and paid $1835.50.

Edmonton—Rockabye Roddy MacDonald, gunning for a shot at Canadian middle champion George Ross, had his plans waylaid somewhat when Eddie Halligan, Spokane, scored an upset ten-round decision.

The first attraction to be staged in Edmonton in a year and a half, it was Promoter Gene Mason's initial venture, and drew a capacity crowd of 2300.

Ringside Chatter—Jackie Turner, fighting at Bellingham November 26, gained a decision over Dave Reynosa, San Jose, Cal., in a six-round semi-final. Turner weighed 118; Reynosa, 120. . . . On the same card, Billy McDonald, Vancouver welter, scored a win over Manuel Montez, also of San Jose. Neil MacDonald, Vancouver middle, dumped Seattle's Jimmy Valentine in the second, and Victoria's Bus Jones, 142, was stopped by Seattle's Lucian Joseph.

Fighters with no managerial connections contact the writer if you want action. Good middleweights and welterweights can do well on the Pacific coast. . . . The writer can be reached at 1165 Davie Street, Vancouver, Canada.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

CAREY MACE, excellent welterweight prospect from Hartford, Conn., injured in an auto wreck near Miami that necessitated over 50 stitches around his head and face, will return to the ring soon. Mace is boxing under the Lou Viscusi banner.

In the second clash between Al Hersh of New York and Sammy Secreet of Pittsburgh, Hersh was able to garner another win. This bout took place in Coral Gables and the first in Miami. Both are welterweights.

Jacksonville boxer Joey Dunne bested Orlando's Billy Kinard for the second time before Kinard's home town gathering at Orlando. The ten-round decision was unanimously in Joey's favor. The winner used a left hand mainly to ward off the aggressive Orlando boy. Both are middleweights.

Hal Patterson, Lake Mary middleweight, won a four-round kayo over Billy Edge of Jacksonville. Roger Crocker, Lake Mary lightweight, scored a three-round knockout over Lawrence Henson, Jacksonville. Lightweights Mickey Dunn and Jimmy O'Quinn, both of Jacksonville, went four rounds with Mickey taking the nod.

To Pete Montesi, Nick DeMarco, Billy Regan, Jack (Zunk) Serlin, I. M. Halboth, Billy DeFoe, Georgie Abrams, Chickie Bogad, Lou Viscusi, Ed Horn, Nat Loubet, Nat Fleischer, Manuel Velasques, and many more of our pals throughout the States, and friends from the other side of the ocean, we extend our sincerest thanks for helping THE RING Magazine and Jacksonville *Journal* boxing columns with the news they send down here.

Just when Savannah was lagging in its professional boxing shows, a simon-pure meet brought back interest into the fight field there. Chairman Irwin Price of the Southeastern Amateur Boxing Championship Tournament can be saluted, likewise his side-kicks, for conducting a show that Savannahans were well proud of. Boxers from the Georgia city, Marines from Cherry Point, N. C., and glovers from Jacksonville, made fine impressions with their willingness to fight for glory and honor. It looks like Savannah will stage an annual tourney hereafter. Champions and runner-ups — here they are: Frankie White (representing Washington Light Infantry) defeated Kenneth Barrineau (same unit) in the flyweight class. Otto Aliffi (Union Bag Athletic Association) won over Johnny Veats (Jacksonville *Journal*) for the bantamweight title. Bascom Beasley (Cherry Point) T.K.O.'ed Johnny Rimes (Union Bag AA).

Trophies were presented to winners and second-best men, and Union Bag AA received the team honors.

The Outstanding Fighter trophy was won by Johnny Biancaniello, and the Most Popular Fighter presentation was given to Joe Martin.

Hal Meredith, Macon welterweight, decisioned Bob Shoemaker, fighting out of Tampa, in a ten-round contest at Jacksonville. Meredith took it unanimously. Both welters. Jimmy Russo, facing Jimmy DeWitt of Jacksonville for the second time, was given a one-round T.K.O. when the Jaxon suffered a deep cut on his left eyebrow. Both heavyweights.

On the same card, a Jacksonville program, Johnny Wilder, Macon light-heavy and Jack Brazil (also Brazeaile), Jacksonville, went to a draw in six rounds of uninteresting fare. Jack tipped 158. Johnny Burt, 165, beat James Springard, 167, in four. Walter Longine, 140, defeated Johnny Davis, 140, by a T.K.O. in four. Lamar Tate, 115, beat George Mcroczowski, 118, in four.

Jack "Zunk" Serlin, former assistant matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, informs me that Miami and Coral Gables will present some top boxing names there during the season—Steve Belloise, Tony Janiro, Jake LaMotta, Jose Basora, and Bill Weinberg being among those mentioned. . . . Fight manager Jimmy Parks and his socking middleweight, Jimmy Curl, have patched up their misunderstanding. . . . Bobby Dykes, another Jimmy Parks boxer, has many singing his praises. Bobby is a welterweight. . . . Blondy Baggett, Tampa lightweight youngster is out of action for a spell due to an appendix operation.

Carey Mace, 151, Hartford boxing flash, won a ten-round decision over Joey Dunne, a Jacksonville fighter in the featured bout at Jacksonville. Mace cut Dunne's eye in the seventh, then went on to score a knockdown in the eighth with a right shot to the chin. A left hook to the stomach sent Joey down in the ninth, and again Mace repeated the down with a series of blows. Despite the fact that Frank Matey, assistant sports editor of the Florida *Times-Union* called it a clean cut win for Mace, one of the judges saw Dunne a winner, while another judge and the referee tabbed Mace the triumphant fighter.

Ray Hake, pleasing Sarasota 150-pounder, stopped Tommy Peavy, 141, of Jax, in the second round. Orlando Fernandez, 128, Tampa and Havana puncher, and a more experienced fighter than Richard Beck, 120, scored a T.K.O. in three. Eddie Outlaw, 151, of Jacksonville, and Joey Sandino, 146, went to a four-round draw. Lamar Tate, 115, beat Johnny Johnson, 113, in four. Troy Parker, 132, beat Zerney Pappy, 128, in four.

The winning streak knockout specials of Jimmy Curl, Texas middleweight puncher, came to an end in Miami when the clouter from the cow country met up with Tony DeMicco, of Brooklyn, in the ten-round top bout. Curl, true to his word that he would send Tony through the ropes before the third, did just that. Yet DiMicco came back to take the duke from Jimmy. Some 4,200 fans packed the Causeway Arena, Miami's new fight spot. DiMicco weighed 166¼, and Curl, 165.

Hi Meltzer, New York 138¼-pounder, and Johnny Carroll, Jacksonville, put on a good eight-round semi-final with Meltzer gaining the nod. Carroll at 142. Joey Brunwasser, 149½, Pittsburgh, stopped Don Whitaker, Jacksonville welter, in the second. Mickey Dunn, 137¾, Jacksonville, won a three-round T.K.O. over Lawrence Henson, Jacksonville lightweight. Julius Luke, Jacksonville bantamweight, fought a four-round draw with Zerney Pappy, 124, of Jacksonville (who fought as Billy Wells).

Hal Meredith T.K.O.'ed Soldier Dan Allen in the seventh round at Jacksonville. Allen, 153, from Fort Benning, was outclassed by Meredith, a Macon welterweight. Referee J. P. Stanley stopped it when Allen received a cut eyelid. Kid McCoy, Macon welter, won a semi six-rounder from David Ingram, 153, of Columbus, Ga. Walter Longine, Jax welter, got a three-round T.K.O. over Mickey Dunne, another Jaxon, 138, when Mickey received a gashed eyebrow that required five stitches. Richard Beck, 120, beat Jimmy Murdaugh, 116, in a four-rounder. Freddie Wiggins, 120, beat Charlie Morrison, 118, in another four. Tim Higginbotham, 126, won from Georgie (also Joey) Lyons, 130, in four.

Opening the season at West Palm Beach, Danny Stepanovich, of San Antonio, Texas, and Ralph Ferrara, Mexico, treated the fans to some rough stuff in their lightweight go, but Stepanovich won in ten rounds. A featherweight pair, Auggie Yarratt, of Louisville, and Orlando Fernandez, of Tampa and Havana, gave the night's best in an eight-rounder. It was won closely by Yarratt. Hy Meltzer, New York lightweight, looked good in scoring a five-round T.K.O. over Rene Cantero, of Tampa. Johnny Morris, 141, Tampa boxer, was given a T.K.O. over Benny Stevens, 139, Springfield, Mass., in the second. Joey Brunwasser, Pittsburgh welter, beat Billy Hill, 150, Memphis, in a slow six-rounder.

Charlotte's middleweight, Jimmy Hughes, found easy meat in Stan Roth, Augusta, Ga., boy, and Jimmy was able to chalk up a knockout in Gastonia, N. C., by use of a hard left. Roth was outclassed, though a game lad. Hughes kayoed Roth in the second round. Carl Luckey, 159, lost by a knockout to Joe Lassiter, 152, in the fourth round at Gastonia. Lassiter had his unlucky rival down a total of four times. Ralph Adkins won a six-round decision over Freddie Masters. Both are middleweights. Ted McFalls, 122, scored a knockout in the sixth round over Pat Linton, 131, after flooring Pat four times. Lightweights Glenn Norman and Bascom Bradley opened with an excellent four-round bout that was called a draw.

Bobby Dykes added another to his win streak, and it's number nine straight in Miami. This time at the expense of Choforo Martinez, whose nose was broken. Bobby won by a T.K.O. in the eighth round. Martinez was content to cover up and Dykes did what fighting there was, with the exception of occasional spurts by the loser. Fidel Arciniega, Spanish heavyweight, came from way behind to stop Ernie Mason, of Miami, in the sixth round. Snooks Howard, Charlotte lightweight, won a six-rounder from Hal Locklair, a lightweight from Charleston. Denny Carter, Baltimore 139-pounder, drew in four with Jackie Earl, Washington, 136. Jackie Patton, Suplee, Pa., 121, beat Billy Vallance, 126, of San Antonio, in the opening four-heater.

Daytona Beach opened up with boxing and had Johnny Carroll, 144, of Jacksonville, taking the eight-round decision in outclassing Hal Johnston, also of Jacksonville, in the main feature. Both fighters hit the canvas. Johnston in the second, and Carroll in the fifth.

In the semi, Hal Ferris, of Daytona Beach, scored a T.K.O. in the first round over Lloyd Thompson, of Jacksonville. Thompson, the lighter boy, dislocated his shoulder. Jimmy Whitaker, of Jax, beat Al Humphries, Daytona Beach. Don Whitaker, of Jacksonville, beat Sparky Kyser. Zerney Pappy, Jacksonville, won a split decision over Lamar Tate. Johnny Blanchard, 110-pounder, Port Orange, kayoed fellow townsman Jimmy Arnold in the fourth. A "Slaughterhouse" Carson lost a four-rounder to "Roughhouse Glover."

Toby Reid's six kayoes came to a halt but that didn't stop the Jacksonville middleweight from securing his seventh consecutive win when he fought Buddy Rose in Orlando. Reid took a ten-rounder. Eddie Outlaw, Jacksonville middleweight, also won a six-rounder from Ray Thomas. Georgie (Joey) Lyons, Jax, 130, was completely mismatched against Baby Joe Diaz, of Tampa, and Diaz kayoed the Jaxon in the first round.

Big Bill Wilson recorded a three-round T.K.O. over Jim Bowden in Jacksonville when Bowden suffered a cut lower lip after a Wilson right uppercut connected. Bowden, a Jax heavyweight, was making his first local appearance after suspension which was recently lifted. Rudy Stewart, South Carolina middleweight, drew in a four-round semi with Jack Brazil (Brazeaile), of Jacksonville. Walter Longine, 151, beat Jimmy Springard, 160, in four.

Troy Parker, 132, beat Tim Higginbotham, 130, in four. George Mroczkowski, 117, lost a four to Lamar Tate, 117. Zerney Pappy, 126, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Bell, 124, in the first round.

Lee Oma, Detroit heavyweight, won a first-round kayo most easily in Tampa when he clashed with Tommy Gomez. A right uppercut found Tommy's nose and the muscular Tampan found the deck, where he listened to Referee Eddie Coachman's ten count on his knee. Jarrin' Johnny Dupree, Tampa heavyweight youngster, kept his winning skein intact by plastering out a five-round knockout over the game, trying, but completely through, Georgie Kochan. A right hand to Georgie's head ended it. For Georgie Kochan's sake, he should be retired from the ring.

The best tangle of the night was in the eight-rounder between Joey Dunne, 150, Jacksonville, and Hal Meredith, 150, Macon. It was called a draw. Our tab had Dunne winning by a two-point margin. Joey fought as he never fought before and used his mitts this time more than footwork.

Bob Shoemaker, 149, scored a four-round knockout over Mannie Gomez, 150, Tampa. Shoemaker had Mannie down in the third. In the fourth, both fighters hit the deck. A heavyweight sluggeroo for two rounds between Jimmy Russo and Buck Garrett wowed the fans. Game Garrett finally went out in chapter two.

Charles McCaskill, 165, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Willie Johnson, 162. Both are from Tampa. The opener found Chief Orange winning unanimously over Frank Balkam in a three-rounder.

Frankie Cordino, of Paterson, N. J., made good his debut in Miami by winning a ten-rounder from Billy Moore, of Miami, New York, and Canada. Moore's best was the left jab. Both lads tipped 151¼. Hy Meltzer, New York welter, scored an eight-round decision over Jack Larrimore, vet Miami boxer who was making his comeback. Joe Marion, Pittsburgh welter, kayoed Don Carter, Baltimore, 140½, in the first round. Rocky Conn, Brooklyn lightweight, T.K.O.'ed Bobby Roberts, same, in the second. Jackie Patton, Suplee, Pa., bantamweight, won a four-rounder from Don Weinberg, 115½, of Miami. Ben Pennino T.K.O.'ed Jackie Earl in two.

Len Taglia, a middleweight from Utica, N. Y., won his Florida debut by T.K.O.'ing Forrest "Fist" Dever, 151, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the fifth round at West Palm Beach. A cut on the nose prompted Referee Billy Shell to halt it. Devers claimed a butt. Taglia didn't seem in the best of condition. Billy Lima, 125, Miami, beat Alfredo Pescatore, 128, Naples, Italy, in an eight-rounder. Alberto Pescatore, Alfredo's fratello, weighing 154, lost to Billy Hill, a Memphis middleweight, though a draw would have been more suitable. A six-rounder saw Rocky Conn and Ralph Ferrara (Brooklyn and Mexico, respectively), go to a draw in a lightweight match. Tony Pennino, 137, Brooklyn, got a T.K.O. in two over Jackie Pearl, 139, Washington. Pennino floored his man three times.

Terry Lee, classy Tampa welterweight, kayoed Buddy Thomas in the second round at Sarasota. In the semi, Ray Hake, pleasing Sarasota welterweight, came through with a four-round T.K.O. over Bob Rodriguez, of Tampa. Billy Norris, Orlando, got a three-round K.O. over Ernie Patrick. Norris is a welter. Tommy Spanos, Sarasota, won his first start in beating Alec Novac in four. Dusty Rhodes, another pro beginner from Sarasota, won a four from Larry Lynn, of Tampa. Oscar Neal, Tampa, defeated Vic Young, of Ybor City, in four.

Blondy Baggett, popular and consistent winning Tampa lightweight, main evented in Sarasota against Pete Noriega, also Tampa. Baggett won by a knockout in three rounds. Ray Hake, Sarasota welterweight boxer, lost an eight-rounder to Sandy Barron in the night's best fight. Hake was downed in the opening round. Wilbert Terry and Murray Washington, both Negro boys, opened the show. Sarasota's first of the season. Terry won on a foul in the second. Bill Harmon stopped John Shiver in the second round of a welter go. Joe Sindoni won a two-round T.K.O. over Alex Novac, who received a cut lip. Carey Mace, Hartford's neat welterweight boxer, T.K.O.'ed Lee White in two rounds.

Fighters intending to box in Florida will do well by contacting the writer. Please enclose picture, record and necessary information. Fighters must be free from managerial contract. Boxing news and results will be gladly used in this column. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Phone 4-4526.

Graziano's Tragic Case

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that a Chicago newspaper published the fact that Graziano, the middleweight champion, was a dishonorably discharged soldier. He had slugged a lieutenant and had gone over the hill. Captured, he was given a year in Leavenworth prison and then discharged without honor.

Few came to Graziano's defense. There was only one excuse that could be offered. He had served his time, and thus squared his debt. True in a sense, but the unhonorable discharge is part of the penalty. Had others, drafted as was Rocky, felt and acted the same, Hitler would have won the war by default.

Just as Darcy was never able to correct his original mistake, Graziano still pays for his early error.

Illinois joined New York in barring Graziano. Only Abe J. Greene, head of the National Boxing Association, stood behind him. The past was dead, Greene argued. Graziano was entitled to a chance to make a living. While Col. Eagan listed the middleweight title as in "abeyance," Greene recognized Rocky as champion.

And as champion, Graziano entered the ring to defend the middleweight title against Zale in Newark on last June 10. He was knocked out in three rounds by the ex-sailor, who had served for four years in the Navy.

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STILL Rocky could fight as had so many ex-champions before him. He was welcome throughout NBA territory which included California. Promoter Jimmy Murray signed him for 35 percent to fight Apostoli, a former champion, in Oakland, November 17. When Graziano's nose was cut in an exhibition bout at Jersey City, the match was postponed until December 1 and Rocky went to the Coast to train.

There the past caught up to him. Suddenly he could take it no more. He wired a friend in New York for $300. On receiving it, he didn't bother to tell Jack Healy, his co-manager, or Murray, the promoter. He was off on a plane to New York. Perhaps it is better if Graziano is allowed to tell his version in his own words:—

"This here fight with Apostoli—I don't know—I don't know what was the matter with me. I go to the gym—what the hell, a couple of these here salamis hit me on the chin. I ain't got no ambition.

"No I ain't retired. It's this here thing—Everywhere I go they ask—did you take a bribe?—what about this dishonorable discharge from the Army?—it ain't that Tony Zale knocked me out.

"It's this here thing—I'm up to here. It's choking me—I begin to think I've got a mark on my face—that I've done something—that they're going to put me in jail.

"What the hell, I could take a dive and pick up the cookies. Only I got pride—It ain't right to the people that pay to see me fight.

"Everybody in New York knows me. They know what I done—They don't ask me about the bribe and the army.—Only when I'm away. How much can I take. I can stand only so much.

"Before I always fought in New York. Only once I went to Washington—If I had a license (from the New York State Athletic Commission) I'd be all right. That would make things square—In New York people say, 'Hiya Rock'—then I feel good.

"Before I meet swell people I didn't think—Nothing bothered me.—I was happy, like a dope I guess. Now I try to think and I get bothered. This here thing, you know what I mean, it bothers me."

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THAT'S Graziano's explanation of why he ran away from Apostoli. It is also his plea to be reinstated in New York. The logic may escape rational people, that by running out on one commission another commission may be persuaded to reinstate him, but Rocky's only thought seems to be to fight again in the Garden.

There is a lump on Graziano's head, raised by Zale's right in their first fight, but Rocky's mental condition is not a result of the blows he received in the ring. He is upset by the punches he has taken from fate, some of them unkind and undeserved. Others he stuck out his chin to receive. Even his friends agree that he asked to be suspended, as he has been, by the California Commission.

Because California is an NBA state, Greene had no choice other than to suspend Graziano in the 47 states and cities holding membership in the organization. There is no place Rocky can box now, as the NBA has working agreements with most foreign countries where the sport is recognized.

Commissioner Greene did his best to persuade Graziano to fly back to the Coast, only to end agreeing with Cohen that the young fighter was emotionally and mentally unfit to enter the ring.

In addition to the suspension, Graziano has a couple of lawsuits on his hands. Promoter Murray is suing for $50,000 and Apostoli for $25,000. Manager Cohen has promised that when Rocky is ready to fight again his first start will be made for Murray in Oakland, but the promoter is no longer interested in using the former middleweight champion.

Thus the Graziano story approaches the same unhappy ending of the Darcy story. And for much the same reason.

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AS an attraction few fighters, other than heavyweights, have been in Graziano's class. People like to see him fight and are willing to pay to watch him throw punches. On four occasions he has drawn better than $100,000 in the Garden. His second fight with Freddie (Red) Cochrane grossed $100,469. His third fight with Harold Green took in $103,970. With Sonny Horne he lured $108,974 into the box office. The gate for his fight with Marty Servo was $173,163.

In nine main events at the Garden, Graziano drew a total of $617,624. No wonder he longs to be back in the House that Tex Built. No wonder he talks of making a personal call on Col. Eagan and asking that his license be restored just so he can fight again in the Garden.

The 20th Century Sporting Club would welcome the Rock back with open arms. Desperate for cards, Harry Markson, managing director of the Mike Jacobs' organization, would gladly take a chance on the Rock, if Eagan were to give him a green light.

Nobody since Jack Dempsey has had the crowd appeal of Graziano. For Rocky's title winning effort against Zale in the Chicago Stadium, the gross was $418,825, a record gate for a fight held indoors. The first Zale fight at the Yankee Stadium, a 20th Century promotion, drew $342,497 and the last one in Newark, put on by the Tournament of Champions, $306,100.

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IN his fights for 20th Century alone, Graziano was a million dollar property. They were good fights too, rough and ready brawls that thrilled the crowds. Starting with Billy Arnold back on March 9, 1945, when Harry S. Truman, then Vice President, was among those at the ringside, all of Rocky's bouts, with two exceptions, have ended in knockouts.

The exception is Sonny Horne, who went the distance twice, once in the Garden and more recently in Washington.

Arnold lasted three rounds; Al Davis four; Cochrane was stopped in the 10th round twice; Green went down in the third, and Servo in the second. Zale kayoed Graziano in six rounds the first time, and was knocked out in the same round of the second bout. Their last battle ended with Zale winning in three rounds.

Graziano lives with his wife and two children in the house he owns in Brooklyn. What money he has, is supposed to be in annuities, and although he is only 26 years old, he may have enough to see him through. His guarantee for the third Zale fight was $120,000.

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THERE have been few quiet moments in the life of Rocky Graziano. Born in poverty on New York's east side he has known only the struggle for existence. He may not be to blame for what has happened to him, but his trouble seems to be that in the crucial moments of his life he has run away.

He is now running from a small fortune which he can still make in the ring. He is running away from the only way he knows to make a living. His retreat from California may have ended his boxing career.

It will be a long time anyway before the Rock can return. He is, according to his manager, mentally and emotionally unfit to fight, and needs psychiatric treatment. In other words Rocky Graziano is in danger of or is suffering from what the ordinary person would call a nervous breakdown.

In his present condition Graziano needs rest and quiet. By the time he is fit to fight again, if ever, he will have to start all over again. He may not have been the greatest fighter the ring has known, but he was never dull.

Inside the ropes Rocky Graziano was an exciting two-fisted pugilist whatever his shortcomings in everyday life may have been and the one man who can restore him to normal health by reinstating him in New York to end his misery, won't give him a tumble. He is the Chairman of the New York Boxing Commission, Colonel Eddie Eagan. Whatever his wrongdoing, Rocky has paid dearly. To err is human; to forgive is divine.

Burns Tells Inside on McCarty

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in their 20 round fight. Later Croot died. There was an inquest and the American was exonerated by a coroner's jury. Barry was no good thereafter.

Gigantic Jess Willard, who became the world's heavyweight king by knocking out Jack Johnson in Havana in 1915, figured in a fatal fight on August 22, 1913, when Bull Young died after an eleventh round knockout.

There is no question that this mishap affected Willard. He decided to be more careful, but when he met Dempsey at Toledo in 1919, he carried this policy to the extreme. It was Dempsey who won, it was Jess who, sitting in his corner, with eyes swollen, threw in the towel.

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KID LAVIGNE, who achieved the world's lightweight championship in 1897 by knocking out Dick Burge in London, in 17 rounds, was one ring hero who did not permit a fatality to stop his progress.

Lavigne met Andy Bowen in New Orleans on December 14, 1894. After having been stopped in the fourteenth round, Bowen died.

True, Andy had taken a sound beating. Lavigne was a rough, hard hitting, merciless fighter.

However, in those days there was no supervision over fighters, there was nothing like a rigid medical and physical examination of a scrapper going into the ring.

There is little doubt that Bowen's heart had been weakened seriously in his record battle with Jack Burke in New Orleans on April 6, 1893.

They fought through 110 rounds, for 7 hours 19 minutes. Then the battlers just could not come to scratch. The referee had to call it a draw. Actually, both men had been knocked out.

Lavigne deplored Bowen's death. But the Saginaw Kid refused to let the memory of this mishap hamper him in any way.

Tommy Burns figured in a ring fatality in Michigan at the outset of his career. Tommy felt this keenly. For one thing, he dropped his true name, Noah Brusso.

Pancho Villa did not die as a result of the beating he got from Jimmy McLarnin. But the punching to which the Mexican was subjected brought on the septic poisoning which killed the game little scrapper.

In 1910, in San Francisco, Owen Moran, English lightweight, gave Tommy McCarthy so severe a beating that the American never regained consciousness after the knockout.

Owen did not allow this to interfere with his career. He stopped Battling Nelson, and earned the right to fight Ad Wolgast for the lightweight championship.

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BOB FITZSIMMONS killed Con Riordan in a fight in Syracuse. But Ruby Robert did not languish with sad memories. He went on to become the heavyweight champion.

Nor did Jack Root, who fought Marvin Hart for the title after Jim Jeffries had retired, lose his effectiveness after he had pounded Tom Lansing to death in Chicago.

Bud Taylor, one time bantam champion, had the misfortune to figure in two ring fatalities. His first victim was Frankie Jerome, in New York, on January 11, 1924. Taylor stopped Frankie in the twelfth. The loser was removed to a hospital, and there he died of a hemorrhage.

Two years later Taylor fought Clever Sencio, a stablemate of Pancho Villa, in Milwaukee and gave Sencio so terrific a beating that he collapsed on his return to his hotel, and died. Three weeks later, Taylor beat Tommy Ryan in a twelve rounder in Louisville.

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THE year 1948 made a very poor record in so far as freedom from ring fatalities was concerned.

It started out badly, with the death of Sam Baroudi, New York and Akron light-heavyweight, who passed away six hours after he had been knocked out by Ezzard Charles in Chicago on February 20. Baroudi was stopped in the final round of a ten and never regained consciousness.

On February 27, at Hollywood, Leroy Decatur, 20 year old lightweight taking part in his first professional encounter, was killed by blows administered by Frederico Herrera, of Yuma, Arizona. The end came in the fourth round.

Decatur, a Negro who had fought 40 amateur fights, took a left hook to the body and a right to the jaw in the last heat of a preliminary, and crumpled to the canvas.

March 11 saw a fatality in a Rome, Italy, ring. Francesco Loi, Italian welterweight contender, slumped to the canvas in the last round of an eight with Fernando Jannilli.

On April 13, Mickey Markey, only 17, English feather, was floored in the sixth round of a fight in Wolverhampton, England, by Jim Stimpson. Markey never again gained consciousness. It was his second professional engagement. In his debut, he had been stopped in one heat.

In Milwaukee on April 21, Jackie Darthard died after having been knocked out by Bert Lytell in the seventh round.

In October, Joe Burns, a Negro boxer, died two weeks after a fight with Tommy Downes in New Zealand. Burns was a Fijiian without professional experience.

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ON July 9, Joe Berja, 27 year old Filipino featherweight, died of a brain injury following an eighth round knockout by Roy Higa, from Honolulu.

Chicken Thompson, Philadelphia heavyweight, was a September casualty. Three seconds before the close of their eight round fight at Toppi Stadium, Thompson was floored by Johnny Hayes, of New York. Thompson was rushed to Temple Hospital where he underwent a brain operation. Five days later, he was dead.

Some days afterward, Kid Dinamita, 22 year old welter from the Dominican Republic, died five hours after he had been stopped by Bobby McQuillar in a preliminary at Chicago Stadium. The end came in the ninth, with another round to go.

In Stockholm, Sweden, Jack Bennett, French Negro heavyweight, died after a fight with Olva Purho, of Sweden.

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SELDOM is a boxer injured so badly by the punches he stops, that he is killed. The reasons usually go back to previous fights, to accumulations of severe beatings. And to the ravages of disease.

Ring fatalities never will be eliminated. A fight is a fight. Call it boxing, call it something for the improvement of the breed of men, it still is a matter of the survival of the fittest.

Two men get into a square pit and throw punches at each other. Somebody is bound to get hurt. If nobody is hurt, the fans just don't like it. Primordial? Yes. And that's how it has got to be.

Gavilan's Advance Fastest

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on the canvas during a coughing spell.

8—On November 23 at the Park Arena, owned by Jake LaMotta, Wally Doktor and Mickey Young were awarded $57 each for their main event bout, a new low for the state of New York.

9—At Worcester, Mass., Dave Andrews and Rudy Zadell drew a record low for Massachusetts when only 397 persons paid admission for a gross gate of $771.33.

10—On May 18 at the Meadowbrook Bowl in Newark, Laurie Buxton, English welterweight, won a ten-round decision over Mike DeCosmo, but the lethal blow of the fight was struck against Joe Walker, the referee, brother of Mickey. As the gong sounded, Walker stepped in to separate the boys and was knocked cold by a wild wallop.

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BOXING throughout the world suffered a severe setback in 1948, but American pugilism was hardest hit. Here in the United States, where for many years the greatest boxing gates and the greatest bouts were staged, the drop in receipts, attendance and the calibre of competition was so severe that the generally accepted theory of the "joy-kills" that the end of boxing was close at hand was heralded as a foregone conclusion by many columnists and magazine writers who had lost faith in its future.

Perhaps the wish was father to the thought among the calamity howlers, but so long as there are red-blooded men in this world, so long will there be boxing. The sport is too strongly entrenched to pass out of the picture merely because the talent of today is far below the class of the past. All boxing needs to get back to normal is a good shot in the arms.

Pugilism's slight depression in 1948 was due to conditions over which those who rule the roost as its ace promoters and matchmakers had no control. The facts speak for themselves:

1—The sport was shy of its usual quota of colorful boxers.

2—The tightening of the money market caused the usual patrons of boxing to hold back except for contests that offered the thrills that usually accompany bouts in which two well-matched ringmen, men who are regarded as thrill providers, were to be pitted against each other.

3—The inroads made by television into all branches of sports, particularly pugilism.

4—The failure of promoters to develop good club fighters, the neighborhood favorites, the boys whose presence at any club assured that organization of a good turnout of local fight fans.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

JABBING JOE MAXIM left-handed his way to a ten-round split decision over Jimmy Bivins tonight and advanced several notches in the scrambled heavyweight picture. Maxim weighed 182 pounds, Bivins 178.

Both judges cast their ballots for Maxim but Referee Jackie Davis, who several times found it necessary to urge both men to fight, voted for Bivins. The victory was a popular one with the near-capacity crowd of 11,164.

The bout was marred by much clinching and each fighter had a round taken away from him for low punching. Maxim lost the third, Bivins the fourth.

In a scheduled ten-rounder following the Maxim-Bivins fight, the featherweight champion, Sandy Saddler, knocked out Eddie Giosa of Philadelphia in 1:34 of the second round.

The fight was an over-the-weight tussle and Saddler's title was not at stake. The champion weighed 129, Giosa 138.

The gross gate was announced as $65,602.

On Larry Atkins' good show, Joe Louis was decisively outpointed by Jimmy Bivins in a six-round no decision bout. Bivins, in excellent shape, kept the champ off balance and from teeing-off in every round. However, it was only an exhibition with 14-ounce gloves and 2-minute rounds.

Chuck Hunter was a bit off-form due to his long absence from the ring and lost a ten-round split decision to Nick Barone of Syracuse. The fight was close and could easily have been given to Hunter as he landed the only solid punches. Barone was ever aggressive. At long range, however, Hunter landed cleaner and harder blows. One round was lost by Barone for low punches.

Eddy Marotta piled up a clear margin in the first six rounds in his fight with Harry LaSane, tired a bit in the seventh and eighth, held the ninth even, and clearly won the tenth. The consensus of opinion was in Eddy's favor, but the judges voted for LaSane and the referee for Marotta. LaSane had a 3-pound weight advantage.

Paul Brooks, a good lightweight prospect developed and sent to the National A.A.U. Tournament and started in the pro ranks by this writer, has now changed managers. Brooks looked good in beating Harry Marshall of Detroit in a six-rounder.

George Kolarik, a good prospect, beat Al Gronik, Detroit welterweight, in a four-rounder. Kolarik scored a knockdown in the first. Last month Gronik was picked by THE RING Magazine as the welterweight prospect of the month. Riseri Ronci, Youngstown heavyweight, kayoed Paul Simpson in the second round. Both boys are excellent prospects. Ronci has not tasted defeat in twelve pro fights.

The Cleveland verdict did not bother Eddy Marotta as he beat Vic Eisen in Rochester in the feature bout. Eisen of Buffalo, had not lost in his last seventeen starts. As usual, Eddy made a sensational hit.

Jackie Keough, making his first start in six months, decisively outpointed Danny Johnson at Toledo. Jack's right hand is mended and is ready for stiff competition.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
By JIM ECHOLS

IN a 12-round headline bout, billed as the lightweight championship of District of Columbia by Goldie Ahearn, Sonny Boy West knocked out Stonewall Jackson in 1:40 of the eighth round at Uline Arena. Both boys scaled 135. Things rocked along pretty evenly for six rounds and in the seventh West started to blast Stonewall's mid-section. and as a result Jackson started to sag. Landing these murderous body blows, West moved in for the kill and as Stonewall lay across the lower strand of the ring ropes he was counted out by Referee Marty Gallagher. A loud yell of foul was unleashed by Jackson's entourage, but a dressing room exam by Dr. Leon Gordon revealed no evidence of foul. The crowd numbered 2,407.

At the conclusion West was awarded a championship belt emblematic of the District of Columbia lightweight title.

In the five-round semi-windup, Julian Keene, 159, District of Columbia, won a split duke over Arthur Bethea, 153, District of Columbia. Three four-rounders completed the card. Ben Harrison, 196½, District of Columbia, and Don Wagner, 204, Portsmouth, Va., battled to a draw. Roy Aldridge, 137, Portsmouth, K.O.'ed Frank Ball, 140, District of Columbia, in 1:02 of the second. The opener saw Puggy Lyons, 141½, District of Columbia, T.K.O. Slugger White, 143, District of Columbia, in 1:56 of the third.

Freddie Dawson, 140, Chicago, lightweight, and Charlie Millan, 143½, Baltimore vet, hooked up to headline the weekly Turner show in a scheduled ten-rounder. Millan took the lead in the early rounds. However, the rough, tough contender from the Windy City, started to find the range in the late rounds and finally scored a knockdown in the ninth at the bell. Millan came up for the tenth, but that was all, as Dawson caught Millan with a dynamite-laden right that sent him reeling. Dawson was twice penalized for low blows, but that had no bearing on the outcome, as his K.O. was clean-cut.

A five-round semi-windup was a dilly, with Garland Edwards, 152, Washington, winning over Jesse Baker, 150, Roanoke, Va.

In another five, Walter Hamm, 128, Washington, decisioned Don Webber, 129½, Roanoke.

In fours, Gene Harley, 152, District of Columbia, T.K.O.'ed Roscoe Mercer, 145, District of Columbia, in 2:08 of the second. Angelo Marini, 153½, District of Columbia, and Dick Barber, 158½, District of Columbia, fought to a draw. Scott Richardson, 155, Washington, opened the show with a T.K.O. win over Bradley Jim, 160, Baltimore, in 2:47 of the fourth.

The Turner weekly boxing card on November 29, featured a double-header, with two eight-rounders occupying the top spot. In one, Walter Roane, 145½, Richmond, defeated George Bradford Smith, 140½, New York City, in an excellent bout, well fought and interesting. In the co-feature eight, Arthur Bethea, 151½, D. C., and Joe Greene, 151, Asheville, N. C., battled to a draw.

It was a fair fight, but as these boys had met twice before it was apparent that they knew each other's styles too well and as a result, the fight didn't please the fans.

In the semi-final of five rounds, Frank Ball, 139½, District of Columbia, avenged a loss to Frank Aldrige, 133½, Portsmouth, Va., by kayoing Aldrige in 2:24 of the third. Another Portsmouth boy won by way of the T.K.O. route when Don Wagner, 202, stopped Ben Harrison, 198½, District of Columbia, in 2:44 of the first round.

Johnny Holt, 169½, District of Columbia, T.K.O.'ed Oscar Wakefield, 169, Baltimore, in 2:16 of the fourth. In the opening four Bobby Lee, 141, Norfolk, won over Cy Redman, 137½, District of Columbia.

A ten-round main event between Jimmy Cooper and Leo Le Brun suffered a bit of shuffling with the non-appearance of Le Brun at weigh-in time. A hasty phone call and Filberto Osario was dispatched to fill in for the missing Le Brun. Le Brun was put under indefinite suspension until the contract with the Turner Enterprises is filled.

Coming in from a four-hour train ride Osario made it an interesting evening for Cooper. Filberto won the decision. Osario, the New York City vet, scaled 125; Cooper 122½.

In a five-round semi-final Holly Mims, 154, District of Columbia, eked out a decision over Johnny Holt, 159, District of Columbia. In other fives Walter Roane, 147, Richmond, won over Leslie Harris, 140, Baltimore; and Bert Wicks, 128½, District of Columbia, scored over Red Gaddis, 129½, District of Columbia. Two fours completed the card. In one Puggy Lyons, 139, copped a split duke from Bobby Suma, 142, while the opener saw Angelo Marini, 155, T.K.O. Rocky Barber, 151, in 2:49 of the third. All are local lads.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

JOHNNY FLYNN, 211, Rochester, N. Y., heavyweight, upset Rusty Payne, 180, San Diego, in the ten-round feature of a Rooney-McGinley Club show at The Gardens. Payne, who had scored five sensational kayoes here in recent months, was the heavy favorite. A smashing right to the jaw dropped Rusty for nine in the sixth. Judge Bob Brownlee scored it four rounds each and two even with a big sixth round for Flynn—he voted for Flynn. Judge Red Robinson scored six for Payne, four for Flynn—he voted for Payne. Referee Ernie Sesto tied it up for Flynn

Jack Besselman, 151, Pittsburgh, dropped Charley Daniels, 149, Pittsburgh, for nine counts twice in the second and once in the third round but had to work hard all the way to gain the unanimous decision in the very interesting eight-round semi-final.

Ben Skelton, 168, Pittsburgh, never looked better in winning the unanimous verdict over Johnny Swanson, 173, Buffalo, N. Y., in a sixer.

Billy Pozza, 181, Ellwood City, Pa., kayoed Tommy Stewart, 176, Bellevue, Pa., in one minute, two seconds of the fourth and final round.

Billy Neumont, 134, Pittsburgh, won the split decision over Johnny Ward, 132, Pittsburgh, in the four-round opener.

Bobby Neal, Beaver Falls, Pa., 147, scored his thirteenth straight victory by upsetting Irish Jimmy Sanders, 147, in the ten-round feature attraction at the Aragon Arena on November 18th. Neal floored Sanders twice for eight counts, once in the second and again in the seventh. Neal forced the fight all the way. There can be no doubt about it, Bobby Neal is a greatly improved fighter and better matches are in the making for him.

Ronnie Delaney, 147, Akron, Ohio, scored a T.K.O. over Billy Squall, 148, Pittsburgh, in 58 seconds of round four of a scheduled sixer. Delaney dropped Squall twice for nine in the fourth. Calvin O'Neal, 146, Pittsburgh, kayoed Elmer Jennings, 152, Pittsburgh, in two minutes 45 seconds of the third round of a scheduled sixer.

Bill Moore, 176, Altoona, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Irish Jimmy Smith, 175, Pittsburgh, in a four, and Carl Baer, 128, Coalport, Pa., won by T.K.O. over Art Moore, 124, Pittsburgh, in three rounds of the scheduled four-round opener.

This was one of Promoter Jack White's best shows this season with a gross of $2,763.54 and a net of $2,010.90.

Lee Sala, sensational local middleweight, racked up his forty-sixth consecutive victory by easily defeating rugged Ruben Jones at The Gardens on November 22nd in the ten-round feature of a Rooney-McGinley Club show. Sala has scored most of his victories by way of the knockout route, but had to be content with a unanimous decision this time. Their first encounter, several weeks previously in New York City was not an impressive bout and Sala tried hard to finish this one early, but Jones is a tough customer who takes a very good punch and keeps coming back for more. Lee Sala weighed 161; Ruben Jones 162.

Eddie Bell, 148, Canton, Ohio, upset the dope by garnering the unanimous verdict over the favored Chico Pacheco, 149, New York City, in the eight-round semi-final. Bell back-pedalled in a methodical manner jabbing constantly to the head. Pacheco stalked his man throughout the bout but could not land a punch as the long-armed young Negro crossed him up with a mixture of left jabs and hooks and occasional right crosses to the head.

Chuck Gibbons, 143, New Castle, Pa., and Paul O'Hara, 145, New York City, staged a whale of a six-rounder with Gibbons receiving the popular nod. Gibbons is Fritzie Zivic's new protege and he is improving with every fight.

Chuck Higgins, 160, Elwood City, Pa., proved to be a surprise package by scoring a knockout over Larry Huff, 161, Pittsburgh, in two minutes four seconds of the third round of a scheduled sixer. Billy Neumont, 135, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Charley Wright, 139, Pittsburgh, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

SOUTHERN COLORADO Golden Glove winners overwhelmed the winners of the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Golden Gloves Tourney in a team match at the Pueblo Steelworks YMCA Auditorium. The outstanding bout of the evening was between lightweights Joe Fisher, Pueblo, and Clarence Marshall, Cheyenne, with Fisher coping the decision.

Colorado pro boxing was at a virtual standstill last month, with no professional shows and with very little activity of Colorado pros elsewhere. Joe Danos, Denver southpaw welterweight, has gone to Florida for the winter. Wayne Strowbridge, Colorado Springs middleweight, has returned home from New York. Rumors have it that Collie Barnett will try another promotion sometime next month. Also that Oscar Nenachof, who served as matchmaker for several of Maurice Salzer's shows, will now make the matches for Barnett. Salzar has signed Dano Pappas as his matchmaker. Denver featherweight, Art Irlando, lost an unpopular decision to Eddie Lacey at Minneapolis.

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AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE fight game came back in Akron with a bang, both at the box office and in the ring.

The results as follows: Phil Muscato by K.O. in eight rounds over Shamus O'Brien. Fritzie Pruden by a K.O. in one round over Al Jordan. Ronnie Delaney by decision over Harry Hart. Johnny Paoletti by a decision over Dick Lewis and Dave Marsh by a decision over Moe Harvey. The last three were five-rounders.

It was about Muscato all the way with O'Brien fighting his usual clever fight but getting his chin in the way of as pretty a right cross as has ever been seen in any ring in the fatal eighth round.

The house grossed close to $4,000.

The next show was saved by one of the greatest fights seen here in ages between two gamecock junior welterweights in Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio, and Rudy Zadell of Akron. The nod went to Sanders by a two to one vote. Zadell forced the fight throughout. This writer gave Zadell six rounds and Sanders four.

McKinley English of Detroit, Mich., went out in the second to Lee Q. Murray, one-time star heavy. English was simply terrible.

In the pre-lims three local kids repeated their performance of three weeks ago by scoring wins, Ronnie Delaney over Art Foster in four by K.O. . . . Dave Marsh over Eddie Brant by T.K.O., and Johnny Paoletti over Vladimir Ivan in five rounds. Brant is just a youngster and Marsh had too much experience for him.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOHNNY BRATTON, 136½, Chicago, Ill., junior welterweight, eliminated Joe Brown, 136¼, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., Negro lightweight, from topnotch competition by knocking Brown out in the fourth round at the Coliseum Arena on Dec. 3.

Bratton, managed by Howard Frazier, and Larry Amadee, a local trainer, had too much speed and punching power for Brown.

In a blistering ten-rounder, Melvin Bartholomew, 139½, New Orleans junior welterweight, knocked off a promising prospect from Shreveport, La., in Arthur "Kid" Persley, 136½. Bartholomew stopped Persley in the third round. Persley had piled up a winning streak here until he lost an eight-round decision to Joe Brown on the Joe Louis-Bob Garner exhibition card.

Pat Flowers, hard-hitting local featherweight, scored a three-round T.K.O. over Nat "Killer" Jackson, Baton Rouge, La., Negro. Leroy King and Tommy Hayes battled to a four-round draw. They are local featherweights.

Keith Hamilton, 135, scored his fifth ten-round main bout victory over Chief Gordon House, 135, 23-year-old Winslow, Ariz., lightweight at the Coliseum Arena on Nov. 29. House gave Hamilton his toughest ring test and going into the seventh round this writer had House in front. The decision was unanimous. Referee Eddie "Kid" Wolfe, Memphis, Tenn., one-time great lightweight, now a native of New Orleans, who was the third man in the ring awarded House the sixth round when Hamilton was penalized for a low blow. Keith is the best lightweight prospect discovered here since Bernard and Maxie Docusen.

Buster Price, awkward Pascagoula, Miss., welterweight, scored an eight-round kayo over Alfred Garcia, Houston, Tex., in the eight-round semifinal. In a previous meeting Garcia had stopped Price in three rounds. The return match was a tame one, in comparison to their first meeting. Jack Links won a six-round decision over Lawton DiSoso in the semifinal. Lenny Alvarez decisioned Eddie Webb in the opening four.

Nineteen hundred thirty-one fans paid a net gate of $2,955.56.

Fistic pot shots . . . Arthur King's unanimous ten-round decision over Chester Rico came as no surprise to local fans. Old cuts have handicapped Rico for the past two years. Danny Stipanovich, Pittsburgh, Pa., lightweight, who now makes San Antonio, Tex., his home, defeated Ralph Ferrera, Mexico City, in a ten-round bout at West Palm Beach, Fla. Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Texas, lightweight, won ten-round decisions over Chief Gordon House and Tony Mar at Galveston in November fights. Harry Carter, former New Orleans lightweight, who was managed around New York by Scotty Monteith and Billy Roche, is a patient at the U.S. Government hospital, Chamblee, Ga.

Nick Camarata, another one-time ironman New Orleans lightweight, who was managed in New York by Chris Dundee, is at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., for a nervous condition. Louis "Whitey" Berlier, New Orleans heavyweight, won a ten-round decision over Eddie LaMarr at Oklahoma City. Bernard Docusen scored a four-round T.K.O. over Bert Linam, Austin, Tex., welterweight, at Los Angeles, Cal. It marked the first kayo defeat of Linam's career. Bernard Docusen made his Seattle, Wash., debut by scoring a ten-round T.K.O. over Buford Ransom, Seattle Negro, before 18,000 fans.

Unattached fighters desiring local fights this winter can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel.

AROUND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

By TOMMY McNAMARA

THE long overdue match between Irish Billy Tierney and Buford Ransom was presented in the Eagle Auditorium before an overflow crowd. For ten rounds Ransom chased the elusive Tierney, who had little desire to mix with the hard hitting Buford. The official decision was a draw, with two judges voting for a draw and the referee voting for Ransom.

Good prelims are an indication that professional boxing has been stimulated and the supporting bouts on this card made this writer think that we have some good headliners in the making. Axel Boode, Renton middleweight, decisioned Matt Jackson, Ft. Lawton middleweight. Axel might have scored a K.O. if eagerness and determination had not interfered with his timing. Bernie Olson, Everett middleweight, dropped Marvin Johnson for the full count in three with a sizzling left hook. Sonny Grazette, Seattle lightweight, iced Frankie Daro, of Tacoma, in one. In the opener, Pete Smith, Seattle heavyweight, decisioned Dave Wells, of Bremerton.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

By LARRY JONAS

BERT MENDOZA, 158, showed to advantage in gaining the nod over Nap Howard, 158, in their ten-round main event here. Howard got away to an early lead, but once Mendoza worked out his style, it was the Cucamonga Kid all the way. It was an excellent scrap. In the semi, Billy Shelton, 141, and Sal Chavez, 140, ended up in a technical draw at the end of the third because of an accidental butt inflicted by Shelton, opening up Chavez' right eyebrow.

Preliminaries: Willie Williams, 160, decisioned Johnny Hale, 158, six; "Lil" Abner, 174, outpointed Chuck Burns, 170, four; Bobby Satchell, 120, beat Eddie Sherrod, 121, four.

It took Willie Bean, 200, only three rounds to dust off Jimmy Bell, 198. Bell was down four times before the final count.

In the semi-final Johnny Hale, 149, trounced Ray Perez, 144, over the six-round route in a dull scrap.

Preliminaries: Jimmy Alvarez, 140, outpointed Willie Bean, 145, six; Wendy Gallant, 175, scored a T.K.O. over Bobby Taylor, 175, three; Hank Davis, 129, and Bobby Satchell, 124, drew in four.

Sonny Andrews had little difficulty in handling Amado Rodriquez in their main event contest and salted him away in the third with a hard right to the heart. Both men scaled 180. In the semi, Billy Shelton eked out a six-round win over Connie Smith in a fast welterweight scrap.

Preliminaries: Ray Perez scored a T.K.O. over Chino Alonzo in the third; welterweights. Lonnie Stewart, 157, stopped Dean Bates, 154, one; Billy Hale, 128, halted Eddie Sherrod, 125, one.

The third meeting was the decisive one between Jean Mougin, 133, and Tommy Vargas, 134, with both out to win the rubber contest. As it turned out, Mougin won with plenty to spare and made it pretty much of a one-man show in the ten-round contest.

The semi saw Ray Perez, 140, chalk up a fourth-round T.K.O. over substitute Pelon Villa, 139, in an unusually dull fight. Villa was hardly in condition to take on Margaret O'Brien.

Preliminaries: Johnny Hale, 150, K.O.'ed Lonnie Stewart, 155, two; Wendy Gallant, 176, decisioned Chuck Burns, 170, four; Bobby Satchell, 127, and Billy Hale, 124, fought a four-round draw.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

AL PRINCIPE, Vancouver's new promoter, is keeping his word to the fans and presenting regular fight cards. His latest offering was held on November 18 and provided many thrills besides continuing the building up of local fighters into crowd-pleasing attractions. Vancouver has needed a man who would take an interest in the local boys and I am certain that the fans will repay by attending as many fights as may be presented. It has been that way so far and the situation should improve from here in.

Billy Corbett made a game stand against the rugged Roy Wouters but an eye injury in the first round added to the odds against him and he was finally K.O.'ed in round eight. Billy was boxing nicely and showed a fair punch but the continual wear and tear of Wouter's body attack and head blows were the deciding factors in Corbett's downfall. He is a great crowd-pleasing fighter and will be used again on future cards.

The semi-windup brought together Stan Almond and Alvin De Jaynes of Omaha, Nebraska. Stan, looking sharper than he ever has before, floored his man in the first round with a beautiful left hook. The second knockdown in the succeeding round was brought about by precisely the same kind of punch and Alvin just couldn't get to his feet in time and was counted out. Bernie Lewis engaged Terry Forrest in the top preliminary and the decision was a draw, very popular with the fans. This battle produced the most thrills.

Bill Brenner looked very impressive defeating Neil McDonald of Seattle by the K.O. route in the second round. Billy McDonald of this city had a crimp put into his professional comeback when he was stopped in two frames by Curly Froreich. Kid Savage stiffened Jimmy Valentine in the first.

Jackie Turner began the hard climb back in Bellingham on the Al Hostak-Paulie Perkins card. He took on Dave Reynosa over the six-round route in the semi-windup and won the decision handily.

Since Roddy McDonald was defeated in Edmonton by Eddie Halligan of Seattle, he cannot possibly have any claim to the Western Canada Middleweight championship. Eddie Halligan has fought Roy Wouters three times. They split the first two and the third contest showed Halligan in a bad light. Wouters K.O.'ed him in short order. Earl Kalani now wishes to by-pass Mr. McDonald in preference to a shot at the Canadian championship now held by George "Rock-a-bye" Ross of Nova Scotia. If Ross can be induced to put his title on the block with Wouters, it will make a good fight, no matter what city in the Dominion is lucky enough to obtain it.

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CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. STEELE

CHATHAM, N. B.—Billy Landry, 160, of Moncton and Arnold Fleiger, 167, of Chatham, fought a ten-round draw.

Billy Snowball, 134, stopped Kid Wiley, 131, of St. John, N.B., in the second of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Gerry Arseneau, 132, West Bathurst, and Al Roach, 130, Moncton, drew in four rounds. Percy Richards, 142, St. John, decisioned Yvon Durelle, 145, of Baie St. Anne, in four rounds and Everett Marsh, 158, fought a draw with Leo Comeau, 150, in four rounds.

Red McPherson, New Waterford, middleweight, and Jinks Jenkins of Charlottetown, met twice at Kentville, N.S. Each bout was action packed all the way, with both fights ending in a draw. McPherson, who is 24 years of age and has engaged in 30 professional bouts, announced his retirement from the ring game.

Fredericton, N.B.—Billy McLaughlin, local welterweight, stopped Crosley Irvine, 145, St. John, in three rounds. Reg Springer, 145, Fredericton, outpointed Howard Leslie, 142, St. John, in four rounds. Jake McDonald, 158, stopped Ron Brothers, 156, in the third and Bill Ramsey, 132, outpointed Bobby Donovan, 132, of St. John, in a four-round bout. Promoter, J. McAllister.

St. John, N.B.—Slam-bang action featured the all local fistic program presented at the curling club. Carl White walloped out Sailor MacKinnon in six rounds.—Middleweights. In the second six-rounder Duke Hodd decisioned Crosley Irvine in a rough battle. Howard Leslie rallied to earn a draw with his heavier opponent Percy Richards. Scotty Cleary and Willie Roache fought a fast four-round draw and Norman Kincaide decisioned Don Conley. Four rounds.

Halifax, N.S.—Ossie Farrel, Halifax deaf mute middleweight, punched out Charley Peck, Louisburg policeman, in the opening round of the main bout presented by the Vimy Branch Canadian Legion. Lucky Abraham, 167, of Truro, decisioned Alvin Upshaw, 155½, Halifax, in six rounds. Bobby Gammon, 137, of Dartmouth, stiffened Truro's Jackie Connors, 138, in round one. Bernard Fletcher, 130, Truro, stopped Red Chinn, 129, Halifax, in three rounds. K. O. Collins, 128, Truro, and Herbie McMullen, 130, Halifax, fought a draw.

Bathurst, N.B.—Kid Landry, 128, of Dalhousie outpointed Billy Snowball, 132, in eight rounds. Semi-final six saw Paddy Cripps and L. Plummeter fight a draw.

Bathurst, N.B.—Billy Snowball and Kid Landry drew in the eight-round feature.

Dalhousie, N.B.—Kid Landry retained his North Shore Lightweight Title punching out Jerry Arseneau in the opening round of a scheduled eight-round bout.

Maritime Fighters in U.S.A. Rings: Roger Whynott, 154, of Mahone Bay, N.S., stopped Vern Roman, 160, of Albany, N. Y., in six rounds at Binghamton, N. Y. Jersey City—Johnny DeFazio of Bayonne, N. J., and Richard Kid Howard of Halifax, N.S., fought twice, each winning a six-round decision.—Lightweights. Fall River, Mass.—Jean LeBlanc of Fall River outpointed Percy Paris of New Glasgow in the feature attraction.—Lightweights. Rochester, N. Y.—Columbus Lowther stopped Tommy Spencer of New Waterford, N.S., in three rounds.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By EDDIE BECK

RALPH ZANNELLI, New England middleweight kingpin, scored a major upset by stopping Anton Raadik. Ralphie would like a shot at Marcel Cerdan or Ray Robinson.

Martin Taber, popular townie feather, who retired from the ring a few months ago, has been added to the referee list.

Dynamite Rocky Marciano blasted Pat Red Connolly in 57 seconds for his 11th consecutive K.O. as a pro. Steve Marcello, flashy lightweight, remains undefeated, beating Tony Ducharme and Red Wells during the month.

Jackie Wilson, popular Quincy southpaw welter, looked good winning from Freddy Ruffin in eight. Larry Martin, local radio sportscaster, worked hard to make Danny Martin's benefit show a success. The Newark middleweight has recovered from an operation to remove blood clots suffered in his bout with Tommy Bell.

Sandy McPherson, young Coventry heavy, made Melio Battina step a lively pace to outpoint him in ten rounds. Greg Poulos, local light-heavy, has scored eight consecutive K.O.'s. His latest victim was Al Amara.

Jimmy Squadrito, Joe De Rosa's pride and joy, is improving with every win. Freddy Russo scored another victory here. Artie Levine stopped Henry Chemel in a wild affair. Jimmy Corty scored an upset by shading Jackie Weber.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

IRVING FEINSTEIN, Joe DeMaria and Paul Freedman have formed a new boxing club, known as the Century Sports Club and will operate at the Century Stadium at West Springfield, Mass. The matchmaker is Joe DeMaria.

Holyoke, Mass., Valley Arena—Harry LaSane of Houston, Texas, won the decision over Al Pennino of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a ten-round main bout. Billy Morris of Torrington, Conn., won a six-round bout from Frankie Dell of Brooklyn, N. Y. They are welterweights.

Red Perkins of Manchester, N. H., scored a knockout over Roy Chapman of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the second round.

Bobby Henry of Albany, N. Y., won a decision over Packy O'Neil of Springfield, Mass., in a five-round bout. In a five-rounder, Harry Alberts of Middletown, Conn., knocked out Francesco Torreno of Springfield, Mass., in the first.

Holyoke, Mass., Valley Arena—Harry LaSane of Houston, Texas, won his fifth straight bout at the Arena when he defeated Clem Custer of Detroit, Mich., in a ten-rounder. In the semi-final, Rudy Richardson of New York, won a six-round bout over Al Reid of New York. Jimmy Carr of New York won a six-round decision over the veteran Blond Tiger of Lowell, Mass. In the opening bout of five rounds, Bobby Grant of Worcester, Mass., and Leo Morris of Lowell, Mass., fought a draw.

Charlie Garran of Chicopee Falls, Mass., is the best prospect in the welterweight class in this vicinity.

Harry Stone, who trains and seconds many of the fighters around Springfield, Mass., can be reached at the South End Gym on South Main St., Springfield, Mass. The writer's address is 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

NEWS from this part of the country concerning boxing and wrestling happenings has been confined to mostly planning and showing of latest films of recent fights and wrestling bouts.

Jimmy Dinardo, Berlin welterweight prospect has returned to active fistic warfare after an absence of several months. Jimmy was married about one year ago. Jimmy's younger brother Tony, Jr., has kept the family name in the public eye by keeping active fighting throughout the summer at the Berlin Arena and for several clubs in Maine and Canada.

The mention of THE RING Magazine being the world's foremost boxing and wrestling magazine has been proven to the writer several times but during the past couple months it has been even more so! . . . Yes, several letters have been received from South Africa, Australia, England, France and many from Canada by this column and all mention the contact being made through THE RING.

The renewal of old memories and predictions made some two and three years ago in North Africa with none other than the present middleweight champion of the world, Marcel Cerdan were made not long ago when the popular French Moroccan mauler visited Lewiston, Maine. The distance being only about 75 miles from the writer's home town, it was an easy affair to realize, and much to my pleasure, I found Marcel the same man I met at Oran, Algeria, when I handled a U. S. Navy fighter, Johnny McCoy Hale of Corpus Christi, against Cerdan, and later, Larry Cisneros against Marcel, both of which Cerdan won.

IN THE WESTERN CANADA SPOTLIGHT
With AL GREENBERG

WILF DEJARDINS, hard-punching Winnipeg lightweight, scored a ten-round decision over Al Slater in Calgary to win the Western Canada lightweight title. Over 2,200 fans packed the Calgary Victoria Pavilion to witness the title match.

Gene Mason, former Vancouver boxing promoter, came back into the game in a big way when he secured a permit to stage shows in Edmonton.

Mason staged two shows, one which saw Eddie Halligan, Spokane middleweight, outpunch Edmonton's Roddy McDonald. The other match saw McDonald reverse the decision. Mason grossed a total of $8,500 for these two shows.

After four shows which went into the red Vancouver Promoter Al Principi finally hit the black ink when he staged a double main event which saw bantams Stan Almond K.O. Dwan Edwards of Seattle in six, and Jackie Turner outpunching Jerry Strutz for eight rounds only to have the decision called a draw.

Mel Brown, hard-punching St. Paul middleweight who showed twice in Vancouver last fall is on his way to England.

Phil Palmer, popular Vancouver welter, has gone into retirement. Palmer has formed the East End Athletic Club and has been staging bi-weekly shows at Vancouver's Hasting Auditorium.

Two Vancouver prelim boys to be heard from in the future are middleweight Bill Brenner and lightweight Frank Almond.

This writer is now dividing his time between Winnipeg and Vancouver and can be reached at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, or c/o East End A.C., 712 Hawks Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

ADDITIONAL UTAH-IDAHO-WYOMING-MONTANA NEWS

BEFORE 2500 fans, Keith Nuttall outpointed Bobby Foster in the headline bout at the Coliseum in Salt Lake City, Utah. Foster, who started boxing in Y.M.C.A. programs, didn't come close to matching Nuttall, but fans were nevertheless impressed with his possibilities.

Jerry Marroti of Twin Falls, Ida., decisioned Benny Sadler of Ogden, Utah, in the semi-final. Marroti came from behind on points to win. Not all the fans in the house were convinced that Marroti earned the verdict.

In other fights, Frank Ronkovich stopped "Red" Huff. Larry Meyers drew with Alex Kinsfather. "Chick" Moriarity decisioned "Rocky" Arza and Teddy Stewart won over Ernie Lopiz.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

SALUTATIONS go out this month to Walter Ketchel of Charleston, who has been in the fistic trade for a great many years. Ketch was born and reared in Pittsburgh, and began his boxing career in the "Smoky City," starting as a green prelim kid, and working his way up to windups at the old Motor Square Garden there. After leaving there he moved on to Texas, and the South, where he was managed by "Pa" Stribling. Walter held his own with such ring stars of that era as Maxie Rosenbloom, Red Burman, Sunny Jim McVey, Red Bruce, Battling Bozo, to name a few. Today, he manages a good stable of fighters.

Prospect of the Month—Jimmy Ellars, 126-pounder from Charleston, who has shown great promise since turning professional.

Radio Center, Huntington—Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 128, pounded out a 10-frame win over rough Ronnie Harper, 132½, for the state lightweight title. Harper is decidedly a great prospect, but he, as yet, isn't ready for ringmen of Underwood's experience, and ability. Other results: Reggie (Dry) Martina, 126, and Jimmy Ellars, 128, drew, 6; Ralph Rogers, 130, was the victim of a kayo, at the hands of Tommy Honaker, 132, 4; Billy Clark, 144, stopped smaller Eddie Martin, 133, in 4.

Asheville, N. C.—Ronnie Harper, 136, Huntington, defeated Eddie Stout, 138, 8.

Lexington, Ky.—Willard Coffey, 147, Charleston, defeated Dick Burton, 153, 8.

Willie Cliff, Huntington lightweight, added tough Frankie Mayo, to his growing list of victims recently at Louisville. This marked Cliff's seventh straight win. He is a comer.

Slipping Punches—Willard Coffey, ace Charleston welter, is back in the running and can be booked through this reporter. . . . Willard is ready for the best. . . . George (Sugar) Costner, one of the smoothest welters in the biz, is now making Detroit his home. . . . Ted Fallis, a personable young man, is now promoting in Lexington, Ky. . . . A fellow who really knows his way around in the boxing game, Maxie Leftlander, formerly of Pittsburgh, now residing in Detroit. . . . K. O. Morgan is now working as a host in a Detroit night club. K. O. was a great fighter in his day.

Matchmakers! Here are some stars that will hold your shows on top, and they can be booked through your writer, Jesse (Topper) Underwood, white, 130-32; Irish Willard Coffey, white, 145; Willie Cliff, white, 133; Jimmie Moore, Negro, 160; Reggie Martina, Mex.-Negro, 126; Johnny Protan, white, 118; Jimmy Ellars, white, 128.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

BOXING INCORPORATED with Bob Lane in the matchmaker role, presented before 2500 fight followers of Roanoke, a swell card, headed by Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, boxing a four-round exhibition with Bob Garner, a Negro heavyweight from Louisville, Ky. Although the men used 16 ounce gloves, it was worth the price of admission to watch the champion. He moved about as a well oiled machine.

Although the 10-round scheduled main event ended in the fifth round, Bulldog Rutherford, 158, Roanoke puncher, put the finishing touches to Lou Atterbury, 156, from Texas.

In a savagely fought eight-round semi-windup, Lou Yonkers, 113, Roanoke, and Harry Harvey, 114, Savannah, Ga., battled to a draw decision.

Preliminaries results: Jesse Baker, 145, of Roanoke, K.O.'ed Willie Linah, 140, of Savannah, Ga., in 1:25 of the second. Ray Aldridge, 133, of Norfolk, scored a T.K.O. over Don Campbell, 135, of Roanoke, in 2:55 of the fourth.

Before a small turnout, "Boxing Incorporated" presented an all K.O. card. Matchmaker Bob Lane had the popular favorite, Bulldog Rutherford, 158, matched with Joe Lassiter, 155, from Charlotte, N. C., in a scheduled 10-round feature. Lassiter used a jab to a decided advantage in the early rounds, but in the fourth, the terrific punching Bulldog dropped Lassiter for the count of five. In the fifth and final round, Rutherford threw too many devastating punches for the willing Lassiter to withstand.

Roy Wirt, 150, Roanoke, handed out a terrific body lacing to Ralph Adkins, 150, of Charlotte, N. C., ending hostilities in the fifth.

The Knoxville, Tenn., flash, Don Bowman, 127, K.O.'ed Don Smith, 121, of Charlotte, N. C., in the third round with short rights to the jaw.

Herman Baker, 135, of Roanoke, scored a K.O. over "Knockout" Jordon, 135, in four.

Slugger Elkins, 118, of Roanoke, weathered two knockdowns to score a kayo over Pee Wee Burgess, 115, of Roanoke.

Boxing news regarding these parts, will be gladly answered if a self addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. My address is 128 W. Tenth Street, Norfolk, Va.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

HIGHLIGHTS of the past month in Southern Ohio was the appearance of Joe Louis in a four-round exhibition and the seven-round knockout of Ezzard Charles, scored over Walter Hafer, the Washington, D. C., heavyweight.

Louis boxed his exhibition on November 29, at the Music Hall Arena, with Billy Smith his foe. Smith weighed 170 pounds and Louis 220. Louis did very little boxing and forced Smith to do most of the work. The champion looked like he still can go some.

In the supporting bouts to the Louis program which was presented by Sam and Benny Becker. Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight, knocked out Lee Carter of Indianapolis, in the fifth of a scheduled 10-round bout. Buddy Smith stopped Torpedo Tinsley in 1. Ronnie Hamlin halted Jim Wilson in 2. Baby LeRoy surprised in beating Bob Holiday in 6 and Doug Medley of Louisville, Ky., drew with Joe Kelley of Oakland, Calif., in the six-round special fray.

On November 15, with a gross of $20,577 which was contributed to by 4843 paid admissions for another Becker presentation, Charles walloped Hafer into submission in the seventh of a slated 10-round go. Hafer's 22-pound advantage had little to impress the lithe Charles who stabbed Hafer to the canvas for five counts, including the finale. Charles looked swift and heavy punching and using the Hafer match as a base for the coming Joe Baksi bout, Baksi should not last over five rounds.

Supporting matches on this card found Lin Brosier, Pittsburgh light-heavy, pull a surprise victory in six rounds over Charlie Banks of Cincinnati. Bill Cassity knocked out Oliver Cobbins in 2; Doug Medley defeated Joe Kelly in six; Buddy Turner knocked out Frazier Moore in two and Art Edmerson won a six-round decision over Bob Kelling.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Harry Hartman resumes promotions in Cincinnati on December 6 with an all-star card. . . . My 1949 boxing promoters' and managers' guide, which is the 11th annual release, ready in January at a buck a throw will have 1001 names and addresses listed. . . . This available through this writer at 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. I would also like to hear from fighters of all weights looking for action in this section. Will also answer any inquiries in this section.

SOUTH TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By RICHARD McCLENDON

GALVESTON came up with another near-capacity house when State Champion "Chief" House, 135, was paired with local Eddie Bertolino, 136¼, in what promised to be the battle of the century for Island fans. The fight was a good one, even though it did not live up to what the fans expected since both fighters tired badly after the fifth round. The Indian fighter got off to an early lead by stretching Bertolino on the canvas for a nine-count midway in the first round. Bertolino ran into another right hand in the second round to find himself on the canvas again for a nine count.

The tenth round was one of the best of the fight, both Bertolino and House received bruising blows with the Indian punching the hardest to take the round.

The decision was rendered in favor of Bertolino which brought a great clamor from the fans.

Everybody liked the fight and in spite of the decision, which would have been much nearer correct as a draw, the fans went home happy.

In the preliminaries, Otillio Galvan, 121, of Saltillo, Mex., beat Joe Garcia, 128, of Houston, in the six-round semi-windup. Both boys put up a good fight and landed many blows. This fight was called the best of the evening, with Promoter Phil Flake seeking a re-match.

Johnny McJunkin, 150, kayoed Willie CalCotte, 148, in the third round. Raoul Reyna, 134, lost in a good fight to Bobby Garza, 127, over the six-round route. In the Negro curtain-raiser, Morriss Leviage kayoed DeWitt Oliver in the third round. Promoter Phil Flake stated that the show drew $5300.

Promoter Billy Deeg at Corpus Christi continues in fine style as he presented his fans a great fight when Tony Elizondo was paired with Louis Rousse of New Orleans. Rousse is the only fighter to hold a decision over Elizondo. The fight was a good one with Rousse outboxing Elizondo at times and Tony coming back with terrific blows to wear the fancy scrapper down. Elizondo finally landed the final punches in the seventh round and kept Rousse down for the final ten count. Except for Jimmy Curl, holder of the state championship, Elizondo is without opposition throughout Texas.

Tony Elizondo again proved his superiority over Texas middleweights as he kayoed Joey Martinez in three rounds at San Antonio on Promoter McGee's fistic program. Martinez had previously won by a kayo in El Paso, but proved no match for Elizondo in this scrap.

Galveston again proved its leadership of Texas cities as Promoter Phil Flake paired off Eddie Bertolino with Tony Mar of Mexico. Mar had won over Bertolino in Galveston last April with a three-round knockout. This fight was a different story, however, as age and weight-making took its toll on Mar and when he entered the ring he was only a shell of his former self. The fight, except for the two knockdowns in the second and fifth rounds when Mar showed some of his punch and old-time spirit, was a rather ordinary affair.

Rookie of the year in Texas chosen by almost everyone including the fans, is Bobby Dykes of San Antonio, Texas. Bobby started as a featherweight and is now campaigning as a welter.

Outstanding Texas fighter of the year goes to Dykes' stablemate, Jimmy Curl, who holds the Texas middleweight title.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

THE third round was but two punches old when O'Neill Bell, 159, was counted out after receiving a right on the button from Jerome Frazier, 157, in a scheduled ten-rounder. The right was preceded by a left to the body which gave Manager Jack Laken the opportunity to claim foul.

Examination in the dressing room by the commission physician showed a groin bruise. With Bell having the first two rounds the fans were stunned by the sudden ending. Gross gate, $8900.

Other results—Heavyweight John Hubbard, 190, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Leonard Marshall, 206, Detroit, in 1:19 of the third. Terry Wagner, 160, Milwaukee, T.K.O.'ed John Biddle, 162, in six. Cliff Fossman, 150, Amberg, Wis., scored a knockdown in the first round to win a six-round decision over Chuck Rouselle, 154, Newcastle, Pa. Dick Thelen, 175, Milwaukee, beat Bill Bradley, 164, Detroit, in four. Bob LaLonde, 136, K.O.'ed Chuck Fuller, 144, Milwaukee, in 1:14 of the second.

When Fred Saddy, secretary of the State Athletic Commission, appeared before the budget hearing, Gov. Oscar Rennebohm suggested doubling the club license fee from $300 to $600 because of the change from five clubs here to two as a means of increased revenue. Saddy suggested that the boxer's license fee be reduced from $5 to $1.

Looks as though I'm going to have to go back to work. Have been appointed coach for the *Journal* Golden Gloves by Tournament Director Charles Nevada.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

A NICE comfortable-looking family man named Irish Johnny Flynn, managed by Joseph LoVerde, both of Rochester, N. Y., put an end to the Rusty Payne knockout story at The Gardens, in Pittsburgh, by decisively beating Payne and almost scoring a knockout in the sixth round, in which he had Payne down for a nine from two rights to the jaw. Both heavyweights.

At Syracuse, Calvin Leigh, Rochester's bantamweight, made it two in a row over Hank Okura, the Japanese-Canadian of Toronto, in an eight round fight.

In the main ten rounder Lee Sala, great middleweight from Donora, Pa., won an easy ten rounder from Nick Kashuba, of Brooklyn.

Jerry Fleming, Rochester's up and coming middleweight, has to date scored 14 wins, two draws and one loss and that was due to a cut over his right eye in the first 30 seconds of the first round.

They are beginning to talk of a Joey DeJohn and Fleming match. If this bout comes off it should help draw a record house.

Ross Virgo, an Olympic alternate on the 1948 Olympic team, dumped Mexican Chino Pardo with a left hook in 1.22 of the first round semi-final, recording his fourth straight professional triumph.

In the 10-rounder main bout Chester Rico, 141½, New York City, and Al Baldesino, 137¼, Niagara Falls, N. Y., fought ten rounds to a draw.

In the other bouts, Jackie Dugan, 162, Toronto, outpointed Eddie Richardson, 163, Paterson, N. J., in six; Tony DiPolino, 146, Buffalo, defeated Mike Azadian, 152¼, Hartford, in six; Jeff McKenzie, 173, Rochester, defeated Bob Jefferson, 167, Brooklyn, in four, and Chuck O'Mara, 147½, Rochester, TKO'ed Frank Harris, 142½, in two.

In the other pro card of the month, Johnny Kaufman, 147¾, Rochester, won his second straight over Glenn Hendershot, 149, of Binghamton, by a T.K.O. in the 5th. In the other 8-rounder Johnny Swanson, 173, Rochester, knocked out Walter Hicks, 175, of Toronto, in one round with a right cross to the chin. Swanson is a good looking fighter and is managed by Joseph LoVerde, manager of Irish Johnny Flynn.

Other bouts: Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 137, Rochester, had too much class for Bobby Timpson, 138, Youngstown, defeating him in six rounds; Ross Virgo, 144, Rochester, knocked out Bruce Walters, 146, Williamsport, Pa., in the 3rd; Willie Giano, 154, Rochester, kayoed Ken Frymire, 155, Williamsport, Pa., in one, and Chuck O'Mara, 150, Rochester, defeated Ernie Miles, 155, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in the opening four rounder.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Young Lee Q. Murray, 130, Baltimore, kayoed Alvaro Estrada, 133, Mexico City, in five rounds; Maynard Jones, 185, Wilmington, Del., kayoed Al Brown, 180, New York, in one; Roger Whynott, 152, Halifax, K.O.'ed Frankie Harris, 147, New York, in 3 rounds; Georgie Williams, 156, Baltimore, kayoed Jimmy Taylor, 151, New York, in one; Jimmy Evans, 135, Binghamton, defeated Ollie Brewster, 135, Rome, N. Y.

The Elks Club Gym is open daily for boys who want to train. The gym is open free of charge to all boys who want to fight.

At Buffalo, Ross Virgo, up and coming welterweight from Rochester, won his 5th straight fight by knocking out Glen Massey, of Buffalo, in 4 rounds. Virgo had Massey down for a nine count in the third but the bell saved him from a knockout. Johnny Swanson, 175, of Rochester, gave Jeff Clanton, of Buffalo, 22 pounds and put him to sleep in the first round. In the semi-final six Irish Johnny Rowe, of Rochester, a three to one underdog, gave Lou Joyce a busy evening and lost a split decision in six. Rowe had Joyce hanging on in the sixth and final round.

Fighters wishing to show in and around Rochester, would do well by writing the column at 103 S. Union St., Rochester, N. Y. Would like to hear from amateurs or pro fighters.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JOEY DE JOHN, hard-hitting Syracuse middleweight, looks like real championship timber. He belted out George (Sonny) Horne of Niles, Ohio, in 39 seconds of the first round here on November 30. The match headlined a lively card of bouts presented by Jack Singer of the Hudson club at Memorial auditorium. De John is a vastly improved boy since he was stopped here last winter by Pete Mead. He knows how to block a punch and then step in quickly for the kill. Joey is now packing the most devastating left hook in the country. During the summer De John won 13 consecutive fights in Central New York cities. He is a riot of a card in Syracuse—his home town.

Manager Joe Netro said he is entertaining good offers from Madison Square Garden, also from the Boston Garden. Young De John is really in big demand. He may also take a shot in San Francisco.

Manager Netro is confident Joey will turn the tables on Mead when the boys meet again. In fact De John had Mead down, almost out, when he got a bit careless and was clipped on the chin.

As Horne went down from De John's atomic punches he twisted his right knee, on which he was wearing a brace. Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, examining physician for the New York State Athletic Commission, said Horne will not be permitted to box in the state for at least four months.

In other bouts on the Hudson club's card Walter Kolby, 141, of Blasdell won a T.K.O. over Paddy Hill, 137½, of Pittsburgh, in the second round; Frankie Bi Fulco, 135, of Buffalo, gained a decision over Charlie Banks, Buffalo, 131, six rounds; Charlie Marsh, 161, Niles, Ohio, scored over Claude Flager, 158, Buffalo, six rounds; Pete Tomaino, 134, Lockport, whipped Sammy Leftwich, 134, Buffalo, T.K.O. in second round. The referees were Lou Scozza and Fred Stanton.

Blackjack Billy Fox was well punched around by Ted Lowry of New Bedford, Mass., in ten rounds at the Fairview club's show, November 23. Fox collapsed after the setto and was rushed to Sisters Hospital. After spending the night there he was able to leave and return to his Philadelphia home.

Although Fox was soundly whipped the official decision was not unanimous. Judges Ed Schellerman and Anse Carroll voted for Lowry while Referee Luke Carr found for Fox. How Carr could arrive at such a ridiculous verdict is still mystifying ringsiders. Your correspondent's card showed that Lowry won seven rounds and Fox only three.

Dr. Louis A. Kaiser, State Commission physician, said he would recommend that Fox be placed on the inactive list for at least six months.

Results of other bouts of the F. A. C. card follow: Lou Joyce, 137, Gary, Ind., won over Johnny Rowe, 141, Rochester, six rounds; Johnny Swanson, 175, Rochester, knocked out Jeff Clanton, 197, Buffalo, first round; Ross Virgo, 145, Rochester, stopped Glen Massey, 148, Buffalo, third round; Tony De Pelino, 146, Buffalo, defeated Hal Bradth, 145, Brooklyn, six rounds; Claude Flager, 163, Buffalo, knocked out Eddie Magee, 170, Syracuse, two rounds. Gross gate receipts were $8438 and the net was $6734.

Wrestling—It looks like another great season for Ed Don George's Upstate A. C. The grapplers are packing 'em in at Memorial auditorium every Friday night. . . . Gorgeous George and Frank Sexton are standout attractions. . . . Bob Wagner may tackle Gorgeous right after New Year's . . . Jack Herman, who organized the Great Lakes club, and is a pioneer among wrestling promoters has moved to California. He will make his home in Glendale.

Around the Town—Two promising youngsters here are Tony De Pelino, a classy looking welterweight and Junior Singer's heavyweight—Syl Kuchinski. Kuchinski expects to turn pro after the *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves show. . . . In four pro fights young De Pelino has shown a good punch. . . . He is managed by Dan Russo and handled by Bert Finch and Chick Russo. . . . Finch—the best second in Buffalo—is in big demand. He handled Ted Lowry in his standout victory over Blackjack Billy Fox. . . . Bert is also piloting Chuck Cammarato, young light-heavyweight. . . . Mickey McInerney's gym has closed and Mickey has taken his stable of fighters over to the Downtown gym. . . . Meanwhile Jack Singer's big emporium is crowded with the city's best pugilists. . . . Jack has over 100 amateurs and pros training at his place. . . . The date is set for the return go between Sugar Ray Robinson and Henry Brimm. . . . The boys will box for Promoter Jack Singer on January 11. . . . Looks like a $20,000 house. . . . Allan Faulkner, young Buffalo Negro middleweight, is returning after campaigning on the Pacific Coast. He will be handled by Dan Russo and George Lampshire. Another earnest fighter who is getting himself in good condition again is Joe Muscato. Joe will probably box early in January. Meanwhile Phil Muscato keeps on winning. Phil stopped Shamus O'Brien in Akron, Ohio, and is getting ready for all comers as a heavyweight. . . . Phil is being handled by "Dapper Dudo" Parisi and Joe Netro. . . . Charlie Pinto has Ted Lowry matched with Johnny Flynn and may have Ezzard Charles for a Fairview club headliner soon. Pinto and Promoter Dewey Michaels are working on several outstanding matches for January and February. . . .Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo Negro lightweight, who gave Vic Patrick a hard 12-round battle in Sydney, Australia, last spring, will make another trip to the Antipodes soon. . . . I am indebted to Art Greaves, Melbourne, Australia, boxing writer, for a batch of Australian newspapers which I thoroughly enjoyed. . . . Will appreciate new papers from other parts of the world, particularly England and South Africa. . . . Address Hugh Shannon, 299 Maple Street, Buffalo N. Y.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

TWO Syracuse boxing stars scored important victories last month, wins that will add considerable to their prestige and increase their drawing power twofold. Joey DeJohn, sensational young middleweight ace, crashed the headlines with a stunning 39-second knockout over Sonny Horne, Niles, O., campaigner, in Buffalo's huge Memorial Auditorium. Nick Barone, hard-hitting local light-heavyweight, scored a decisive ten-round victory over Chuck Hunter of Cleveland, at Cleveland.

While young DeJohn's triumph was more than the spectacular side, Barone showed to advantage against Hunter. The Hunter win may put Barone's entry into the higher circle. The boy can fight and is willing, but his manager says he can't get top men to fight him.

We do not doubt Andrews' statement that topnotch light-heavyweights have turned down Barone as an opponent in Syracuse. The headliner fears a "home-town" decision for Nick so smartly steers clear of Syracuse. When Barone, by his own efforts, attains the first prominence necessary to make him a draw in Madison Square Garden or other big arenas of the nation, the leading 175-pounders will be forced to meet him. Nick is a well-conditioned thoroughly capable ringster.

Babe and Sam Amos, present holders of the Central City Boxing Club license, presented a good show at the Coliseum, which served as a home-town comeback for Cliff Hart, 150½. The young Syracuse Blond Bomber registered a unanimous ten-round decision over Frank Abrams, New York boxer, before a crowd of 2,759 who forked over $4,541.25 to see the battle. Cliff never looked better, contributing his best showing since he turned pro, three years ago. Hart floored Abrams with a lightning left-hook in the first round and jolted Frank time and time again with solid smashes that sent Abrams back on his heels.

Filberto Osario, 124, Puerto Rico, shaded Calvin Leigh, 123, Rochester, in the eight-round semi-final. Leigh, a consistent winner here, boxed cautiously, while Osario tore in punching to pile up the winning points. Johnny Rowe, 141, Rochester, lost a very unpopular six-round decision to Ernie Hall, 145, Cleveland, in a hard fought preliminary. The paying clients voiced their disapproval of the verdict wth loud and persistent booing.

Dom Mollozzi, 136½, Elizabeth, N. J., outpointed Johnny Caster, 137, Baltimore, in six rounds; while Carmen Basillio, 145, Albany stopped Brookes Walters, 145, Williamsport, Pa., in the first round of the scheduled four round lid lifter.

THE LAST BELL—Death called Joey Sacker, former Central New York amateur featherweight champion, after one of his hardest fights. Joey, who launched his ring career in 1925 and fought some of the best amateurs in his class, died a victim of cancer, after a long illness. He lost only three bouts in his entire career. We mourn his loss.

LEFT-HOOKS—Joey DeJohn continues to be the biggest box-office attraction in boxing in this area. . . . Joey is now mingling with the better boys and the fans like his sensational two-fisted punching style. . . . Rekindled hope for a centrally located boxing arena follows an announcement by the Syracuse Arena Association of plans to renovate the former Sanderson Steel plant into an arena. . . . We is reported to have already started on the project by John W. Donohue, president of the Empire Structural Steel Company, and consulting engineer for the company. . . . Louis Lee tells us he is trying to entice Tiger (Ted) Lowery into a ten-round battle with Nick Barone for a Coliseum card. . . . Lowery is the boy who trounced Blackjack Billy Fox at Buffalo, recently. . . . We like Barone in this one. . . . Henny Andrews has one of the most beautiful night spots in town, his Supper Club at 267 James Street. . . . Besides providing the customers with a New York floor show, the dapper Henny puts on a song routine that goes over big with the clientele. . . . Watch Nick Barone, the Fighting Florist climb in THE RING ratings. . . . To J. P., Syracuse: Your letter for advice to us regarding the proper time for a boxer to train made us wonder why you selected this column. . . . We have no fighters training anywhere and are not interested in conditioning any. . . . Johnny Dell's gym is packed daily with the fistic faithful eager to see their favorite prep for their battles. . . . Joey Kushner, veteran featherweight, still packs the kick of a balky Army mule in his left. . . . Joey crops up every now and then with a surprise knockout over some up and coming youngster.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

NEW boxing clubs have opened at Lakewood and Camden, which should make this a very busy winter for Jersey boxing fans.

Joey Fernandez, Jersey City welterweight, Joey Garbiele, Orange lightweight, Joe Lucignano, Hoboken welterweight, and Jimmy Green, Trenton welterweight, are coming up nicely and are good club attractions.

Results for the Month: Laurel Garden, Newark—Archie Devino, 125, Newark, outpointed Carroll (Kid) Alexander, 125½, Washington, D. C., in eight rounds. Joe Curcio, 154, Jersey City southpaw, returned to action and had to come off the floor to outpunch Johnny Crosby, 146, Bronx, 8. Tony Rose, 158, Newark, scored over Jim Jackson, 159, N. Y. C., 6. Rocky Fusco 128, Staten Island, K.O.'ed Domingo Riviera, 123, Brooklyn, 3. Ralph Giordano, 143, Newark, beat Billy Williams, 140, Newark, 4. Mike Della, 128, Bayonne, whipped Jimmy Monohan, 132, N. Y. C., 4. This was the first show put on by the Springfield A. C.

Clem Fitzpatrick, 162, Ozone Park, L. I., scored a big upset by outslugging Jimmy Walters, 160, New York, in a real brawl for the whole eight rounds. Walters was down for a nine count in the seventh. Andy Drachmas, 146, N. Y. C., scored his 32nd straight win by outpunching Johnny Crosby, 145, Bronx, in a fast eight-round fight. Steve Klepis, 156, Paterson southpaw, scored a big upset by outpointing Roger Muriel, 154, Elizabeth, 6. Muriel, making his first start in a long time, was a bit rusty. Mike Kobella, 150, Pittsburgh, made his Jersey debut by outpunching Johnny Darby, 152, Paterson, 6. Hurley Sanders, 159, Newark, K.O.'ed Tony Amato, 160, Newark, in four.

Jersey City Gardens—Joe Chesul, 184, Bayonne, outpointed Mike Jacobs, 178, Jersey City, in eight close rounds. Chesul dropped Jacobs for an eight-count in the sixth. Earl Peeples, 149½, Bronx, stopped Billy Feeney, 142, Bayonne, due to an eye cut at the end of three. Ernie (Rock) Durando, 151½, Bayonne, returned to action after a year's layoff to flatten Tommy Thomas, 148, Newark, in 59 seconds of the first. George Branch, 142, Newark, stopped Ray Gourley, 140, Jersey City, 3. Ray Clark, 154, Cliffside Park, stopped Jimmie Steele, 153, Newark, 3.

Tito Valles, 126, New York, outslugged Jimmy Callura, 128½, Toronto, to win seven of the eight rounds. Richie Howard, 131, Brooklyn, upset Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 134, Bayonne, 6. James Walls, 178, Englewood, ruined the American debut of Gino Bofi, 187, Italy, now making his home in Hoboken by outpointing him in six rounds. Rocky Fusco, 128, Staten Island, whipped Mike Della, 127, Bayonne, 4. Billy Garretson, 117, Newark, T.K.O.'ed Tony Caleca, 112, Jersey City, 3.

Ernie (Rock) Durando, 152, Bayonne, scored his second one-round K.O. on his comeback when he flattened Earl Peeples, 149½, Bronx, with a terrific right in 1:25. Gene Salisbury, 146, North Bergen, rallied to outpunch Georgie Branch, 145, Newark, 6. Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 134, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Eddie Scott, 130, Camden, 1. Artie Levine, 129, Bayonne, scored over Henry Schillizzi, 130, Middle Village, N. Y., 6. Connie Hartnett, 145, Jersey City, halted Young Edwards, 144, Elizabeth, 3.

Tony Riccio, 152, Bayonne, proved too strong for young Eddie Edwards, 150, Elizabeth, and stopped him at the start of the sixth round. Edwards, who broke his left hand in the third round, took a bad beating after that. Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 134, Bayonne reversed it against Richie Howard, 133, Brooklyn, after a real slugfest, 6. Jimmy Walls, 188, Englewood, outpointed Charley Norkus, 193, Bayonne, 6. Matt Brown, 177, Newark, whipped Henry Harris, 174, Paterson, 6. Ray Clark, 150, Cliffside Park, kept his winning streak going by stopping Ernie Charles, 152, Paterson, in the fourth.

Gene Jones, 198, Camden, ran off his ninth straight win by outpunching Johnny Haynes, 206, Los Angeles, in a fast eight. Haynes was dropped by his young opponent for eight counts in the third and last round. Tommy Fambrough, 160, Philadelphia, won from Dave Colquitt, 158, also from Philadelphia. Eddie Bell, 176, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Deckard, 187, Camden, in 2:55, 1. Shelby Langford, 152, Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Swan, 144, Atlantic City. Frankie Sodano, 119, Philadelphia, holder of the National A.A.U. flyweight title, made his pro debut by outpunching Art Randell, 114, Chester, Pa., 4.

Al Mobley, 149, Newark, another of Jersey's outstanding welterweights, boxed his way to an easy upset decision over Otis Graham, 149, Philadelphia. Graham, a hard puncher, was unable to cope with Mobley's boxing and while he was able to stagger Al twice he couldn't follow up. Joe Tate, 160, Philadelphia, punched his way to a one-sided win over Randy Ingram, 155, Philadelphia, 6. Jimmy Zaicko, 139, Baltimore, and Sammy Seegar, 138, Vineland, punched each other all over for four rounds before Zaicko won due to an eye cut. Charlie Spicer, 148, Philadelphia, upset Billy Ellison, 152, Newark, due to an eye cut in the fourth. Lloyd Tate, 136, Philadelphia, made it an all-winning night for the Tate family by stopping Johnny Cole, 130, Camden, in 1.

At Trenton Arena—Jimmy Corti, 138, Trenton, continued his fine comeback by halting Paulie Jackson, 137½, Reading, Pa., in 1:55 of the seventh round. This was by far the best fight turned in by Corti and stamped him as a boy worth watching. Ray Brown, 162, Philadelphia, upset Alberto Pescatore, 158, Naples, Italy, by stopping him in 1:25 of the fourth. Bobby Green, 131, Philadelphia, stopped Johnny Cole, 131, Toms River, 3. Tim Elliby, 151, Trenton, outpointed Mike Dudash, 154, Trenton, 4. Paul Jones, 129, Trenton, stopped Eddie Scott, 130, Camden, 4.

Jimmy Green, 149, Trenton, won a hard-fought decision over Bill Dooley, 147, Jamaica, L. I., 6. Tic Mazillo, 136, Newark, K.O.'ed Joe McCluskey, 138, Camden, in 2:10 of the fifth. Curtis Moore returned to action and scored an upset by stopping Red Archie, 159, Philadelphia, 6. Moore, 166, of Newark, a former amateur champ, had been out of action for almost a year. Jimmy Hill, 177, Trenton, K.O.'ed Jimmy Deckard, 186, Camden, in 5. Jimmy Hodges, 134, Trenton, K.O.'ed Joe Hanks, 132, Philadelphia, 2. Joe Giradello, 154, Philadelphia, halted Jackie Cole, 148, Camden, 1.

Mosque Theatre, Newark—Pat Comiskey, 214, Paterson, moved along the heavyweight title trail by punching out a T.K.O. over Bill Weinberg, 217½, New York City, in 52 seconds of the seventh round. Weinberg outboxed Comiskey in the early rounds, but Pat rallied and cut Weinberg over both eyes, causing a halt. Joey Fernandez, 150, Jersey City, punched his way to an upset decision over Eddie Edwards, 149, Newark, in six fast rounds. After losing to Joe Garbiele, 130, Orange, three times, Charlie McGarry, 132, Rahway, finally held him to a 6-round draw. Ray Clark, 150, Cliffside Park, won from Bobby Sinn, 150, Newark, 4. Country Sherman, 147, Bellville, outpointed Frankie Frye, 142, Newark, 4. Ernie Charles, 150, Paterson, stopped Neil Bufano, 150, Newark, in 3.

Some late results on boys in out-of-state rings: Vernon Williams drew with Jimmy Hooper, Georgie Knox was stopped by Mel Neary. Sipio Lofton upset Dewitt Dean.

Any unattached boxers looking for work in the East should get in touch with me. My address is 145 Kensington Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES
With ARCHIE PIROLLI

THE ARENA CORPORATION, with Pete Tyrrell as the head and Johnny Attell as matchmaker, have staged five major shows at this writing during the indoor season. Matchmaker Attell, for the first time in the history of boxing in this city, brought in two world champions in two successive weeks, Ike Williams and Ray (Sugar) Robinson both displayed their wares here. Weekly shows are planned and Attell is showing new faces with each card.

Frank (Blinky) Palermo, manager of Ike Williams, with his partner Frank Palumbo, have a new star under their management. Arthur King, British Empire lightweight champion, is now making his home in Philadelphia. He signed a five-year contract to join Philadelphia's largest stable of boxers.

A college education is supposed to teach a guy to "use his head," and Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Tex., boxer, didn't use it when he started to slug it out with Champion Ike Williams at the Arena and was knocked out in the first round of a scheduled ten-rounder. A deadly right-hand bolo to the pit of the stomach put the lights out for Garcia.

Making his U. S. debut, Arthur King, 137, British Empire lightweight champion, knocked out Nat Harden, 141, Bronx, in the second period, in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds.

Percy Bassett, 128, Phila's unbeaten youngster, technically knocked out Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 129½, New York, in the 10th round. It was the 22nd straight win for Bassett.

Bobby Miller, 127, Manayunk, and Billy Robb, 127, Philadelphia, fought four thrilling rounds to a Miller decision. Vince Merollo, 145½, Philadelphia, technically knocked out Tony Alexander, 150, Philadelphia, in the third round.

A strong finish by Ray Robinson squeezed through a close decision for the champion in his 10-round bout with Bobby Lee, Baltimore boxer, at the Arena. Robinson who was seven pounds over the welterweight limit and six pounds heavier than his opponent, came through with a nine count knockdown in the ninth.

Speedy Lawrence, 147, Philadelphia, surprised by his knockout over the ringwise George LaRover, 150, Philadelphia, with a right to the head in the fourth round of the semi-final, listed for ten.

Making his first start under Lew Tendler's management a winning one, Bobby Lloyd, 126, of Kingston, Pa., defeated Reuben Davis, 127, Philadelphia, in six rounds.

Johnny Bernardo, 147, Philadelphia, gained a six-round victory over Eddie Holtz, 140, Atlantic City.

Cambria: With bursts of right hands, Johnny Bernardo, 148, Philadelphia, easily defeated Clyde Diggs, 144, Chester, in six rounds. Mayon Padlo, 148, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Lewis, 144, Philadelphia, in the third round; Bobby Zaicko, 149, Baltimore, knocked out Billy Gallagher, 147, Philadelphia, in the second round; Johnny Finney, 165, Philadelphia, won over Dave Colquitt, 165, Philadelphia, when the latter was stopped with a cut eye; Walter Hudson, 127, Philadelphia, outpointed Bobby Genaro, 125, Philadelphia, in four rounds.

Met: Surviving a third-round knockdown, Eddie Giosa, 138, Philadelphia, stabbed out a victory over Ike Jenkins, 146, New York, in eight rounds. Mel Neary, 130, Kensington, defeated Johnny Wolgast, 128, Philadelphia, in six; Johnny Arduini, 116, Washington, defeated Earl Kelly, 113, Philadelphia, in six rounds; Vic Capcino, 135, Philadelphia, won over Mike Trinidad, 137, Philadelphia, in six and Pete Mucci, 165, Atlantic City, outfought Willie Smith, 160, Philadelphia, in six.

Convention Hall: Chuck Taylor, 145, Coalport, Pa., was no match for Beau Jack, 144, Augusta, Ga., when he was stopped by the referee in the third round. Jack dominated the bout during the three rounds.

Percy Bassett, 127, Philadelphia, made short work of Bobby Bell, 124½, stopping him in the seventh round after having the latter on the floor on four occasions. This makes Bassett's winning streak number 23. Honeychile Johnson, 143½, Philadelphia, technically knocked out Speedy Lawrence, 146½, Philadelphia, in the third round of their scheduled eight-rounder; Charley Spicer, 150, Philadelphia, dealt out a lacing to Bobby Baldwin, 153½, New York, in six rounds. Charley Howley, 155½, Chester, outpointed Billy Gallagher, 146, Philadelphia, in a six-rounder.

Met: Champion Ike Williams, donating his entire purse to the Carver Centre, Y.M.C.A., Trenton, N. J., met a stubborn opponent in Billy Nixon, 142, Philadelphia, at the Met. Although the champion stopped his opponent in the fourth round, he was met with a willing puncher. This was Ike's 19th straight victory. The gate was $7,985. Chico Verona, 146½, New York, defeated George Johnson, 138½, Philadelphia, in six; Eddie Thomas, 143, Philadelphia, won over Buddy Freeman, 137½, Philadelphia, in a six-round clash; Joe DeLorenzo, 193½, Philadelphia, halted Eddie Walker, 179½, Philadelphia, in the second round and Guy Williams, 204, Philadelphia, stopped Charley Hudson, 186½, Wilmington, Del., in the first.

Cambria: Before a packed house, Vic Capcino, Philadelphia, won over Joey Fagan, 139, Philadelphia, in six rounds. The sellout crowd found much fault with the verdict although the fight was very close.

Frankie Sodano, 122, Philadelphia, halted Johnny Pitts, 118, Philadelphia, in the second round; Ray Haas, 157½, Harrisburg, defeated Johnny Brown, 157½, Philadelphia, in six; Smiling Jack Hayward, 135, Philadelphia, defeated Vince Barnes, 144, Philadelphia, in six and Nick Romagnoli, 111, Philadelphia, kayoed Lou Cortege, 110, Philadelphia, in the first round.

Met: Gene Burton, 143½, New York's high-ranking welter, won on a split decision over Herman McCray, 150, Philadelphia, in eight rounds. Joe Trofe, 162, Philadelphia, former amateur champion, knocked out Johnny Rhodes, 152, Philadelphia, in the first round; Joe Tate, 162, Philadelphia, defeated Don Ellis, 160, Atlantic City, in six; Bucky Slocum, 140, Philadelphia, topped McCoy Jones, 143, Philadelphia, in two rounds; and Pete Mucci, 162, Atlantic City, drubbed Willie Wigfall, 155, Philadelphia, in six.

Cambria: Johnny Bernardo, 147, Philadelphia, boxed his winning streak to 12 straight when he defeated Jimmy Swann, 142, Atlantic City, in six rounds. George Hammond, 148, Riverside, N. J., and Al Cooms, 149, Philadelphia, fought a six-round draw. Emmy Tucci, 128, Philadelphia, knocked out Johnny Cole, 133, Philadelphia, in the second round. Joe Trofe, 151, Philadelphia, knocked out Jimmy Rockland, 144, Philadelphia, in the second round and Walter Hudson, 126, Philadelphia, outpointed George Payne, 124, Philadelphia.

Unattached boxers seeking big-time competition in this section will please get in touch with the writer at Shubert Building, 250 South Broad St., Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

HARRY HART, one of the best-looking lightweights in Ohio, has been on the sideline for several weeks due to a bad mitt, but is ready for action again. Contact the writer. Bob Heath, Akron, Ohio, fight promoter, after being idle all summer, now plans staging several indoor shows. Elden Fletcher, who was fighting out of Toledo, Ohio, under the name of Harry Lewis, is now back in Springfield and is being booked under his right name. Fletcher weighs 175. In the last issue, according to Gene Bland, fight manager of Indianapolis, his fighter was advertised as being stopped by Pat Iacobucci in Cincinnati. Bland asserts that he never met Iacobucci, and therefore was not stopped.

Charles Thompson, Dayton, Ohio, welterweight, managed by Lee Hammond, is one of the outstanding young fighters in Ohio. Joe Netro, Buffalo, fight manager, is now handling the Muscato brothers, Phil and Joe. Big Boy Embro is the newest addition to the 20th Century's fighting stable. Embro, who tips the Fairbanks at 195, was recently discharged from the Army after two years in the service.

The hottest thing in boxing here in the Middlewest today is Jimmy Welsh, the sensational Columbus bolo puncher, who turned in a spectacular victory over Eddie Miller, Dayton, Ohio, in ten rounds at the Memorial Hall on November 4.

The semi-final between Lanky Sheriff Jackson and Johnny Courtright of Dayton was a Donnybrook. This was the second meeting of the gladiators and ended again in a draw.

Dale Boggs, welterweight, who has been running wild as a winner, met a Tartar in Charley Thompson of Dayton, Ohio, and dropped his first duke in six starts. Thompson was a glutton for punishment.

Dick Lewis, local featherweight, was stopped in the second heat after being floored in the first round for the count of nine by Baby Armstrong of Dayton, Ohio. Pancho Valentino, from Mexico City, a wrestler, a boxer and a bull fighter, dropped the duke to Gen Jackson of Dayton in four heats in an alley scrap.

Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati's lightweight, was stopped by Jimmy Robinson at Louisville, Ky.

Bob Heath, promoter at Akron, and his matchmaker, Johnny Hanison, staged their first boxing show in several months. The top fight between Phil Muscato of Buffalo, N. Y., and Shamus O'Brien of New York City, was a knock-down-and-drag-'em-out scrap. Shamus O'Brien had Muscato on the carpet, but Muscato took over after that and stopped his rugged customer in the eighth heat. Fitzy Pruden iced Larry Jordan early in the first heat.

Ron Delaney, Akron's outstanding welterweight, and Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, gave the fans six rounds of fast fighting with Delaney getting a well-deserved decision. Dickey Lewis, Columbus lightweight, lost a close fight to Young Paoletti of Akron in another action-packed five-rounder. The Armory was packed. The Rubber City promoters announced to the crowd that they will promote every two weeks throughout the winter months.

Tommy Bell, the pride of Youngstown, and one of the leading welterweights, added Cecil Hudson to his win column at Toledo in ten heats, but was stopped in Hawaii by Frankie Fernandez.

Lee Q. Murray and the Alabama Kid topped the boxing show at Columbus, on November 16. The bout was called a draw, although Mutt Schartz, the referee, and the Columbus *Citizen*, gave the fight to the Alabama Kid. It was a hard fought scrap.

In the semi-final, Jimmy Welsh, Columbus middleweight, beat James Guy of Ontario. This was Welsh's thirty-third win in his last 34 starts.

Dale Boggs, Columbus middleweight, was given the nod over Dan Pinto in a good six-round bout that kept the fans cheering all the way. Jimmy Carrol of Bay City, Michigan, was given the duke over Bill Harrington, who was making his pro debut. Lloyd Michigan, Bay City heavyweight, was the master of Jack Embro Davis of Columbus, in a good four-round opener.

The Becker Brothers of Cincinnati gave the fight fans some real action on November 15, when Ezzard Charles fought Walter Hafer and won in ten heats. The boys tore into each other like a couple of stray bulldogs all the way. Charles never let up until he had Chris Dundee's battler on the canvas for good in the seventh round.

The other bouts were all six rounders. Hopalong Bill Cassity of Charleston, W. Va., had little trouble in winning over Oliver Cobbins of Cincinnati, in a good welterweight scrap. Cassity stopped Cobbins in the third heat. Dan Medley and Joe Kelly drew in six. Lin Brosier won in six over Charley Banks. Art Emerson won over Dob Keeling.

Red Top who has fought Willie Pep, former featherweight champ, is the same fighter whose real name is Sugar Cain. He was stopped here in Columbus in the third round by Willie Russell. Since taking on his new name, Red Top, the Harlem lightweight, is doing O.K. and fighting regularly.

Dale Boggs, popular local welterweight, lost via. the T.K.O. route at Detroit on November 16 due to a bad cut eye. Charles Cotton, slugging Toledo welterweight, won by the T.K.O. route in the fifth round.

The Columbus simon-pures are working out in the gymnasiums now and getting ready to show in the Golden Gloves tourney.

The Alabama Kid has decided to call it quits. The Kid since coming back from Australia, has had eight fights, winning six, losing one and getting a draw in the other.

Syd Goldberg, Toledo's leading fight promoter, gave the Maumee City fans a good show on November 26, but the weather was rainy, so the fans remained at home. Sugar Costner got the nod over Willie Russell in ten heats. Costner led all the way. The eight-round fight between Franky Ivon, the Russian welterweight, and Chuck Cotton of Toledo, ended in the third round with Cotton winning by a T.K.O.

John Vorcey of Detroit, won a six-rounder from Paul Jackson of Bay City. Art Jackson, Toledo, sost a close one to Sailor Johnny Risko of Cleveland, in four. In another four-rounder, Gord Drouillard, Detroit, stopped Lou Tautro of Toledo, in the third heat. The fights were good all the way and should have had a better attendance.

Irish Pat Richards has been training for the past three weeks and is now ready for bookings. Pat weighs 185 to 190; stands six feet. Contact the writer for Pat's services.

Roosevelt Thomas, formerly fighting out of Cincinnati, in the heavyweight class, and Charles Irish Graves, formerly of Detroit, a featherweight, are now being booked by the 20th Century Sporting Club. Contact the writer.

Send all your news on boxing to the writer Less Huffman, P. O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio, on or before the first of each month.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

WHEN things here looked like they might have gone for a rosier picture, the old bogey man greed reared his ugly head afid things went back to their old low point, although it must be said that Sid Goldberg is well on his way toward correcting his mistakes, and seems to be on his way to building up boxing here. Goldberg made the matches for the Police Show here, and the card was a dandy, and satisfied the 8000 fans who witnessed it.

The month offered two shows. The first, run at the Arena by Thurkettle, featured Tommy Bell, who stopped off on his way to Honolulu to fight Cecil Hudson. The bout was enjoyed by the 1500 fans who paid to see the mill. The two boys unleashed a lot of tricks and all the dirty fighting in and out of the book in the ten rounds, with Bell getting the unanimous decision.

In the prelims, Eddie Miller, Dayton middleweight, stopped Joey Lazonzo, crude but effective Mexican battler, in the fourth of a six-round go; Jackie Keogh of Cleveland found Danny Johnson of Cleveland to be a Tartar and won an unpopular decision in six. In fours, Kid Felder of Flint beat Bobby Johnson of Cleveland at 160 pounds; Gene Nix drew with Gene Jackson of Columbus at 175; and Bobby LaLonde of Detroit stopped Jimmy Howard in Cincy in the second. Keogh's battle with Johnson was a dandy, with both boys displaying plenty of willingness to mix, and worlds of class. The feinting, catching and rolling of punches, and other nice points of boxing were on display in this bout to an extent practically never seen in a prelim bout, and very seldom in top fights. It was really a dandy fight.

Sid Goldberg ran a card in the Auditorium on the 26th with Sugar Costner and Willie Russell on top. It rained all day for the show, and resulted in a slim house, but everyone was well satisfied with the show.

The Columbus gamester tried every minute with Costner, but Sugar had just too much class, and won in a walk. Costner cut the Columbus boy to ribbons with an assortment of punches. His manager, Eddie Higgins, is working hard to get him established in this part of the country, and is willing to go along with any promoter to get his fighter started. Higgins can be contacted either through Sid Goldberg, local boxing promoter on Fulton Street of this city, or through Max Liflander at the Arcadia on Woodward in Detroit.

In the prelims, Charley Cotton, coming Toledo welter, stopped Frankie Ivon in the third; Johnny Varcey of Detroit outsmarted Paul Davis in a lightweight six; Art Jackson, Toledo light heavy, lost to Sailor Johnny Risko in a good four-round bout; Gord Drouillard, Canadian lightweight, stopped Lou Tauro of Windsor in another four.

Cotton has been brought along slowly, perhaps too much so. As noted in this column some time ago, he was too good for any four-round fighter when he turned pro. In the Auditorium bout, his first six, but nevertheless with a four round fighter, he simply pulverized Ivon, who took a very nice beating before he finally collapsed.

Walt Evans, Toledo welter, who made such a good start, first developed into a fighter hard to handle, and then began to get temperamental and run out on fights, and at this writing has just run out on a card in Detroit without notice to take a fight in Rochester that popped up just before the Detroit date. This being the second time Evans has run out on a fight recently, his manager has decided to shelve him for a while, and warns that he will take action against any booker or promoter that attempts to use the fighter, as he has a valid contract, and has lived up to all his obligations, having gotten the fighter 18 bouts the past year, 16 of which he won while making steady progress, going from four-rounders to main events in that time.

News of fighting and fighters in the vicinity can be secured by contacting the writer, Ed Hackley, at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo, Ohio.

SPOKANE NEWS

By CHUCK HAINES

SPOKANE BOXING CLUB, with Promoter Jack Powers, staged two great fights here. On November 17, little Joe Velez, Spokane's lightweight champ, fresh from his sensational K.O. win over Joe Dolan, won the unanimous decision over Keith Nuttall, Salt Lake City pride of Henry Armstrong's stable. They fought before a packed house and were supported by a great undercard. It was a tough hard-fought battle between Nuttall's clever ring generalship and Velez's big guns.

In the semi-final, a back alley brawl, Al Pinkie Cowan, and Chuck Putney of Payette, Idaho, stood toe-to-toe for six rounds and battered each other to a draw that left the fans limp. Seattle's up and coming Bernie Olsen won a hard-fought decision over Johnny Jennings of Weiser, Idaho, in four rounds, while Ralph Red Garrison came through from behind to win a thrilling four-rounder over Jimmy Proctor of Portland . . . Dickie Miller of Spokane and Duane Emond of Seattle drew in the opener.

On November 24, Spokane fight fans were treated to the most exciting and thrilling fight of the year, when little Joe Velez, Northwest lightweight champ, laid his title on the block with Oregon's champion, Joey Clemo, and the boys fought a slashing draw in 10 rounds. Velez went into the fight a ten to one favorite over little Clemo, but Clemo evidently forgot to read the script and in the year's biggest upset, gave little Joe Velez the fight of his life. There wasn't a dull spot in ten torrid rounds. Velez opened a cut over Clemo's eye in the seventh round but it didn't seem to bother the little Oregon gamester.

In the semi-final Babe Edwards of Los Angeles, now residing in Spokane, beat Freddy Wallace in six rounds.

Al Cowan and Skinny Roberts of Seattle, battled to a bruising draw, and Chuck Putney of Payette, Idaho, and Paul Kennedy of Portland, went four fast rounds with Putney turning in a win. Frankie Gimbel looked like the Gimbel of old when he put tough Johnny Jennings on the deck twice to win four heats.

This was the last show for 1948. The new Spokane Boxing Club and Jack Powers have turned in a very successful year that has made Spokane the fight capital of the Northwest. Spokane has outdrawn any club in Washington for the year.

The local press came up with the following items of interest: The Fighter of the Year—Little Joe Velez. . . . He started 10 times and batted 1.000 percent. . . . The busiest fighter, Al Cowan—23 fights and lost one. He appeared on every card here but one. . . . The Most Courageous Fighter of the Year—Joe Dolan. . . . Best fight of the year—Clemo-Velez. Jack Powers and your writer, Chuck Haines, desire to express our best wishes to clubs, managers, and fighters for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 1949. Contact the writer at 425 West Main Avenue.

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DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

HEAVYWEIGHTS: 1—Joe Louis. 2—Roscoe Toles. 3—Lee Omar. 4—Vern Mitchell. 5—O'Dell Riley.
Light-heavyweights: 1—Bob Amos. 2—Charley Hayes. 3—Rango Harris. 4—Benny McCombs. 5—Dominic Berardo.
Middleweights: 1—Pete Mead. 2—O'Neill Bell. 3—Danny Boy Williams. 4—Gene Boland. 5—Jimmy Palmer.
Welterweights: 1—George Sugar Costner. 2—Frankie Abrams. 3—Mickey Savage. 4—Lester Felton. 5—Forrest 'Fist' Devers.
Lightweights: 1—Bobby McQuillar. 2—Leroy Willis. 3—Harold Jones. 4—Talmadge Bussey. 5—Johnny Jackson.
Featherweights: 1—Luther Burgess. 2—Jock Leslie. 3—Danny Martin. 4—Clem Custer. 5—Mickey Young.

Ward Blunt has announced his return to the game and will come forth with a show shortly.

Grand Rapids has three licensed promoters, William Morrisey, who has been in the game for more than 25 years; Bobby Rings, a newcomer with previous experience as boxer and referee, and Pete Petroskey of Muskegon, but promoting in Grand Rapids.

Journeying to New York, Nick Londes announced that he had signed former lightweight king, Beau Jack, and Johnny Greco, to headline an Olympia card.

Flint's IMA was dark the past month, but with a 65-day bus strike over, it is expected that Tommy Cussans will resume the indoor season. Pat Thurkettle has the Sports Arena at Toledo for six dates this winter season. He drew close to 3,000 for his first show.

Hap Tucker after having switched his shows at the Windsor Arena from a Wednesday night date to Saturday evenings will hold forth on Tuesdays.

Orville Godfrey continues to bang out with his crowd-pleasing shows at the Arcadia Gardens and fans get their money's worth. Godfrey paced the way among the promoters with four shows last month. Tucker held two, Londes one, Thurkettle one and Sid Goldberg one.

In a slow bout with action only in spots, Norman (Bad Boy) Butts of Windsor, punched out a unanimous decision over Johnny Clinton, Baltimore, Md., in the eight-round feature attraction at the Windsor Arena.

Starting in his first match since a cut eye suffered in a go with Martin Doyle, Windsor's Bad Boy wasn't so bad and had to be happy with a decision win. With the exception of the first frame there was no doubt of the outcome.

Bill Grady, Dell Williams' classy Detroiter, melted out a hard pounding to Henry Armstrong, Windsor, in gaining the six-round semi-final. Armstrong was in trouble in the early stages, but managed to last the distance.

In the preliminaries, all fours: Tommy Matthews, Detroit, won over Hugh Sublette, Detroit. Earl Jackson, Detroit, scored over Art Jackson, Toledo. Gord Drouillard, Windsor, won his bout with Louis Tauro, Montreal, and veteran Johnny Varcey, Detroit, decisioned Angelo Valenti, Detroit.

Harold (Baby Face) Jones failed in his attempts to take away the state lightweight title from Leroy Willis in ten rounds before the biggest turnout of the season at the Arcadia Gardens, when the encounter was officially called a draw. Each had won one in their previous meetings.

Willing Leroy gave his steady and consistent performance, while his rival fought only in spurts. Jones did well when fighting at long range, but in close Willis was the master. Both weighed 134.

Smooth working Berry Gordy, 125, Willis' stablemate, easily decisioned Davey Tyson, 128, Port Huron, in five. Charlie Cotton, 148, Detroit, continued his sensational ways by decking Chuck Simmons, 150, Detroit, at 2:06 of two. Mike "Kid" Silva, 143, Pittsburgh, made his pro debut by defeating lanky Otis Travillion, 138, Detroit, in four. Paul Davis, 137, Detroit, defeated Johnny Varcey, 139, Detroit, in four, and Bobby Morris, 169, Detroit, won over Johnny Risko, 169, Detroit, in four.

Detroit's flashy 19-year-old prospect, Lester Felton, 144, made his first main event a success when he easily outpointed veteran Henry Jordan, 146, of Philly, in ten rounds at the Arcadia Gardens.

Pacing himself nicely, Felton had very little trouble with Jordan, applying a stinging left hook as his main weapon and tying up Jordan nicely in close. Henry had the sixth frame taken away for low blows. The victor gave a hard and earnest showing, but could not match the speed of the classy local lad.

Stablemates Klay Milliron and Johnny Paolitti of Akron gave the fans plenty of thrills in their six-round encounters with local lads. Milliron, an 18-year-old youngster, came on from a third-round knockdown to lose a close decision to John Varcey, while Paolitti managed to outbox his harder hitting opponent, Paul Davis.

In a couple of fours (both rematches) Art Jackson, 165, Toledo, reversed a previous defeat at the hands of Earl Jackson, 165, Detroit, and Gord Drouillard, 140, Windsor, dropped Louis Tauro, 139, Montreal, three times in winning his second decision over him in ten days.

Warming up for his Honolulu bout with Frankie Fernandez, Tommy Bell, Youngstown's welterweight, stopped in at Toledo Sports Arena and scored a win over Cecil Hudson, Milwaukee, with a ringwise performance. In four bouts this gives each two victories. By the way, Socking Fernandez stopped Bell in ten later in their Honolulu bout.

The shorter and stockier Hudson outweighed Bell by 12 pounds as he came in at 158.

In the main bouts on the undercard, Eddie Miller, Dayton, cut Joey Lozeno, Mexico City, around the eye in the fourth and the bout had to be stopped. Jackie Keough, Cleveland, defeated Danny Johnson, also of Cleveland, in a close six.

Other bouts: Floyd "Kid" Felder, Flint, won over Bobby Roberts, four. Gene Nix, Toledo, fought to a four-round draw with Gene Jackson, Columbus, while Bobby LaLonde, Detroit, finally got on the win column by flattening Jimmy Howard, Cincinnati, in two.

Rain didn't stop 12,531 fans, who paid a gross of $34,755.66, to see Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, 220, Detroit, make his first local appearance in four years in a six-round exhibition bout with Vern Mitchell, 194, Detroit, at the Olympia Stadium.

After a slow first, Joe dropped Vern in the second and third rounds. Throughout the rest of the rounds Louis spared Mitchell from a beating and permitted him to finish.

For his workout, Joe received $9,247 and Mitchell $1,200.

In a bout which ordinarily would have received the main event billing, Leroy Willis, 138, Detroit, outpointed Joey Angelo, 140, Boston, over the ten-round route. Angelo, jumping around like a jackrabbit, proved an easy touch for the state kingpin, and Willis won as he pleased.

Two special fives caught Billy Borne, 153, Detroit, scoring his second win over Len Washington, 151, Detroit, and his 24th straight without defeat. Jay Watkins, 137, Flint, scored over shifty Nathan Bridges, 136, Detroit.

The fours showed: Joe Henderson, 139, Detroit, outdoing the ever-trying Allie Gronik, 142, Detroit; Ralph Myers, 157, Detroit, gained revenge for an earlier defeat at the hands of Chuck Ross, 157, Kalamazoo, and Berry Gordy, 126, Detroit, won over Ciro Montalvo, 124, Mexico City.

Jesse Underwood, 132, of Huntington, W. Va., showed Arcadia Gardens' patrons just why he has not been stopped in close to sixty bouts when he took all Talmadge Bussey, 136, Detroit, had to offer and then came back in the late rounds to force his opponent to hang on, in a co-feature ten-rounder.

Mickey Davis' and Buck Collins' fighter spotted Bussey four pounds at 132 and the hard-hitting local lad connected on several occasions with blows that would have floored any ordinary fighter, but Jesse just continued to move in on his foe, getting across his best punch, a left hook. In the ninth and tenth frames Bussey appeared to be weakening and Underwood came in with an attack that had the entire house on its feet. However, the decision went to Bussey.

The other half of a twin-bill brother act saw Teddy Bussey, 149, Detroit, T.K.O. Wild Bill Cassity, 146, W. Va., when Cassity's eye was cut and in bad shape.

On the undercard, a big difference in weight didn't stop Charlie Cotton, 145, Toledo, as he T.K.O.'ed Dale Boggs, 157, Columbus, in five; Bobby Morris, 168, Detroit, made it two straight over Johnny Risko (Joe Toth), 170, Detroit, in a close four, and Art Jackson, 164, Toledo, put Billy Hatcher, 156, Detroit, down for ten in the third.

Detroit's prize plum, Georgie Sugar Costner, 146, dropped in on Willie Russell, 145, of Columbus, at the Civic Auditorium in Toledo, and won easily in ten.

Two sixes showed Johnny Varcey, Detroit, reversing a previous defeat at the hands of Paul Davis, Detroit, and Charlie Cotton, 143, Toledo, flattening out Frankie Ivon, 143, Columbus, in three.

Fours: Gord Drouillard, Windsor, 137, and Louis Tauro, Montreal, renewed their doings with Gord scoring a second frame K.O. Johnny Risko, 167, Detroit, decisioned Artie Jackson, 167, Toledo, and Hugh Sublette, 136, Detroit, beat Kenneth Brown, 142, Detroit.

Prospects of the month: Jay Watkins, 135, Flint, and Charley Cotton, 145, Toledo. Watkins has won 19 out of 20 starts and Cotton has won seven out of eight.

Here and There—For the third straight year Boxing Commissioner John J. Hettche, once more sponsored the banquet for the championship teams representing the Metropolitan and Catholic Leagues High School football players who took part in the annual Goodfellow game. All the money raised in the affair went towards the benefit of the under-privileged. Hettche shelled out around a thousand dollars for the dinner.

With a Democratic party moving in it looks as if Hettche will be packing his bag and leaving a position which he held snce 1938. Michael H. (Dad) Butler has been named by newspapers as a likely bet for the spot.

Ed Hackley has a grand welter prospect in Walt Evans. . . . Gene Boland is back in town once more and is dying for a return shot at Charley Zivic. Was doing well until caught with a left hook near the end of the third. . . . London's fight manager, Cliff McWhirter, has taken off for New York to help welcome in the indoor season with Matty Herbert, former matchmaker at the Gardens. . . . Popular hard-punching Johnny Jackson is about ready to return to the squared circle following an operation on the appendix. Mrs. Jackson has given birth to a five-pound baby girl.

The annual Brith Sholom, national sports award, was presented to Commissioner Abe J. Greene of the National Boxing Association for his outstanding achievements in the field of boxing. . . . Joe Cook, former manager of Benny Deathpain and Haywood Storie, has himself a solid prospect in Mike "Kid" Silva.

Eddie Ross, protege of Ernest Andrews, will be seen soon in Michigan. Eddie, of Montreal, has scored 18 knockouts in 21 starts and is undefeated. . . . The Bussey brothers have booked up with Eddie Higgins, manager of Sugar Costner. . . . Al Greenberg, RING correspondent, is making his headquarters in Vancouver, B. C., for the winter.

Referee Lou Jallos was all smiles over having been presented with a seven-pound son by the Mrs.

The Michigan Boxing Commission has requested that Joey Angelo be suspended by the N.B.A. for what was termed as an "unsatisfactory performance" at the Olympia. He was also fined $300 for coming in three pounds over the agreed weight. . . . After playing around with Mike O'Dowd for eight rounds, Conn stopped him in the ninth.

Novice Topics: Israel Layton, Michigan Golden Glove bantamweight champion, is about ready for a pro career. . . . David Knox appears to be a likely prospect. Knox, although born here and raised in Scotland and Ireland, arrived here a short while ago to score four wins in five starts.

Nick Tanascu has replaced Lee Mulrooney as head instructor at the Bayside Recreation. Mulrooney has received a transfer to the CYO Community Center.

The 1946 Golden Glove champion of Chicago, John Holman, just stopped Charles Lester in the third at the Chicago Stadium. Manager K. J. DeBolt has had his charge in eight professional fights, of which he has won seven.

Detroit's hard-hitting 137-pounder, Talmadge Bussey, got revenge for a previous defeat at the hands of Harry Hart, 135, Columbus, at the Arcadia Gardens, when he stopped his adversary in 43 seconds of the fourth.

Bussey, now under the management of Eddie Higgins, looked like the Bussey of old when he dropped his foe three times previous to the knockout. A wicked right hand folded up the Columbus puncher.

Martin Doyle, 154, Detroit, now in the process of making a strong come-back, showed fine form in flattening Frankie Ivon, 147, Columbus, in 1:49 of one. Another six showed Johnny Varcey, 135, Detroit, winning the rubber meeting of his battles with Paul Davis, 137, Detroit.

The remaining two bouts caught Johnny Risko, 169, Detroit, defeating Buddy Hodnett, 160, Detroit, and Davey Tyson, 129, Port Huron, proving a little too big for Ciro Montalvo, 124, Mexico City, in the opener.

Dominic Berardo, popular Windsor scrapper, scored another win when he kayoed Bobby Giles of Buffalo in 2:11 of the second round at the Windsor Arena.

In the preliminaries, Bobby Lalonde, Detroit, stopped Otis Travillion, Detroit, in 1:55 of 3. Eddie Osgood, Detroit, dropped Chuck Simmons, Detroit, in 2:15 of 1. Walter Dykes, Detroit, iced Cocoa Kid, Detroit, in 2:10 of 2. Lorenzo Breton, Montreal, decisioned James Toney, Windsor, and Scot Hampton, Detroit, decisioned Alf Payette, Montreal, in four rounds.

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"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—In Sydney, Harry Hayes, 145¾, knocked out Leo Heaney, 142¾, in eight rounds. Heaney fought strongly and well and gave Hayes his hardest fight to date. Hayes scored the kayo by virtue of two rights to the jaw. Heaney had no chance of beating the count.

Hard hitting Alfie Sands, 145¾, knocked out Jack Beveridge, 145¾, in eight rounds in Melbourne. Beveridge, who is a newcomer to main event fights, was ahead on points until kayoed. He lacked Sands' experience.

Ern Jarvis, 146, outpointed Clem Sands, 146¼, in a 12 round Melbourne bout in which Sands hurt his right hand when he connected with Jarvis' jaw in the second.

In Brisbane, Billy Wells, 135½, knocked out Frank Sibley, 136, in six rounds, after battering him systematically with rights to the jaw from the second round on. On the same program at Brisbane, Jackie Ryan, 132, outpointed Lou Williams, 132¼.

Taffy Hancock, 114¾, impressively outpointed Jimmy Hogg, 107¾, in a 12 round bout at Leichhardt (Sydney). The referee gave Hogg only two rounds.

Wrestling bouts: Newcastle: Seelie Samara beat Leo Jensen, who was disqualified in the fifth. Melbourne: Arjan Das drew with Dutch Hefner, one fall each. Sydney: Seelie Samara beat Pat Fraley, 39m. Leichhardt (Sydney). Dutch Hefner beat Pat Meehan.

Australian bantam champion, Elley Bennett, 122, gave a mediocre display while losing on points to Bernie Grant, 121½, in a 12-round bout in Melbourne. Grant won with great ease, doing all the worth-while punching in the bout.

A significant happening was Ken Bailey's, 135, making of the lightweight limit and fighting strongly to beat Jackie Wilson, 130½, on points at Leichhardt (Sydney). Bailey looked more like his old self, than he has in any of his three fights since his comeback. Wilson boxed skilfully on the retreat but he was no match for the speedy Bailey.

In Brisbane, the former amateur Arthur McKillop, 127¼, gave a fine exhibition to knock out Johnny Davis, 126, in two rounds. An inside right was the knockout punch and it was delivered so cleanly that Davis took minutes to recover.

A hard punching duel at Newcastle ended in a knockout win for Alfie Sands, 147, in the fifth round from Lennie Walker, 143½. Sands, the youngest of the fighting Sands family, gave one of his best displays to date.

Wrestling bouts: Newcastle—Arjan Das beat Al Costello, two falls to one in the sixth. Melbourne: Pat Fraley beat Dutch Hefner, one fall to nil. Sydney: Arjan Das beat Seelie Samara in the fifth. Leichhardt (Sydney): Pat Fraley beat Dutch Hefner, who was disqualified in the fifth.

Australia—Ken Bailey, 135¾, gave his best display since his comeback, when he clearly outpointed Norm Gent, 141, in 12 rounds in Melbourne. Bailey has been somewhat under a cloud since his doctor ordered him to rest last January.

Kev Delaney, 146½, had a good win in Brisbane when he outpointed Victorian Jackie Daniels, 147. Delaney finished strongly, getting his points margin in the concluding rounds.

Doug Brown, 170¾, showed a return to his top form to stop Western Australian Cliff Sone, 174¾, in ten rounds at Sydney. Sone, a hard puncher, found Brown too hard a target to catch up with. Brown kept moving in with left jabs and putting the inexperienced Sone off balance.

Bobby Fuller, 133¾, was judged a close winner on points against Billy Wells, 135¾, in Sydney. There was not much between the boxers. If anything Wells gave the more favorable impression.

At Leichhardt (Sydney), Jackie Wilson, 138½, was nicely ahead on points, when Mahomet Donnelly, 138½, swung a left rip which put Wilson down and out in round five.

Alfie Sands, 147, stopped Fred La Rose, 142, in six rounds in Newcastle, his body punching being too solid for La Rose.

At Waitara (Sydney), Ray Skelton, 117, won the New South Wales bantam title from Ken Hatcher, 116½, in a 15-round match on a cricket oval which drew a crowd of several thousands. Hatcher started off well, but the referee, Vic Patrick, gave the decision to Skelton, who finished strongly.

Australia—We would appear to have unearthed an outstanding lightweight to follow in Vic Patrick's footsteps. He is 23-year-old Queenslander Jack Hassen, 133¼, a two-fisted puncher, whose knockout record grows every month. His latest exploit was to stop Roy Treasure, 133¼, in four furious rounds at Sydney Stadium. Treasure took more punishment in those four rounds than he has in any of his previous fights. Hassen is equally deadly with both hands and he has the natural fighter's skill in maneuvering his opponent into position. Treasure was knocked down four times before the referee called a halt in the fourth.

Cliff Jones, 129½, after a cagey opening for three rounds when he let Dave Landers, 129, use up a lot of strength, systematically punched Landers into a half-conscious state, winning when the fight was stopped in the sixth round in Melbourne. Landers showed he has real courage, but it was not enough against the hard-hitting southpaw, Jones.

In a 12-round match at Newcastle, southpaw Tommy Watts, 140, outpointed Fred La Rose, 141, in clear-cut fashion. Watts kept scoring with straight rights, and lefts to the body and hooks to the head.

A first-round knockout win was registered by Jack Toomey, 147, against Joe Webster, 147, in their 12-round match at Brisbane. Within the first minute of the round Toomey floored Webster for a six count and finished him off when he got up.

Ted Sprouster, 124½, had no difficulty in retaining his New South Wales state featherweight title on points from Ray Coleman, 124¼, over 12 rounds at Leichhardt (Sydney).

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By CHARLEY PARISH

MARCEL CERDAN, the new world's middleweight champion, did more than win a title when he stopped Tony Zale before the limit as any middleweight over Europe will tell you. By his victory he has at last established that a Continental battler deserves an equal rating with the best in America at his weight, and has put the Belgian, Cyrille Delannoit, right in the front of the challengers by reason of their two torrid battles earlier in the year.

Unfortunately, the heavyweight division hardly presents us with a like galaxy of talent, but at Brussels the heavyweight competition provided thrills enough. Star of the show is undoubtedly Stef Olek of France, who confirmed a previous victory by winning a clear points victory over the Dane, Carl Nielsen. In the other bouts the American Negro, Aaron Wilson, flattened Gabriel Bigotte, France, in one round while Paco Bueno, Spain, outscored Robert Eugene, the Belgian, on points. Austrian Kurt Schiegl outpointed Pit Wilde, the Belgian champion.

Another veteran bade farewell to the ring when Max Schmeling was outpointed by the German light-heavy, Richard Vogt, over ten rounds in a Berlin contest.

The Finnish heavyweight, Oiva Purho, continued his climb by drawing with Carl Nielsen at Copenhagen. His stablemate, the speedy Yrjoe Piitulainen, stepped out a clear winner in a lively bout with Roger Vivancos of Spain. Lucien Corenthin of France outpointed Svend Aage Christensen, light-heavies, after putting the Dane down for a count of nine.

In Brussels, Cyrille Delannoit became European middleweight champion for the second time in a year when he outpointed the Dutchman, Luc van Dam, in a rather dull bout which went the full distance.

Back from a successful tour in Spain the French welter hope, Claude Ritter, took a fierce hammering from the rugged middleweight, Georges Defonne. Aime Escudie, the ex-champ of Europe in the amateurs, handed out an awful lacing to the courageous Emile Godard. Both bouts took place at the Salle Wagram in Paris.

In the semi-finals of the Brussels competition Stef Olek, running a high fever, decided to make it a short affair and blasted out Paco Bueno in the opening round. Aaron Wilson paid to the hopes of Kurt Schiegl by rocking the Austrian to sleep in the third. Olek and Tasberg have already been named challengers for Woodcock's European title, and will probably meet in Stockholm in an eliminator.

At the Salle Wagram flashy Danny Carabello from Puerto Rico forced Rene Megret to retire at the end of the fifth round of their bantamweight clash. Carabella fought a draw with Sandy Saddler last year, but has been badly battered by Louis Skena just previously. Andre Gonnet, under the wing of Marcel Thil, stopped Jean Julien in five rounds, lightweights, and Jo Vincenzi came off the deck after a count of nine to put away German Caboche in the opening frame of their middleweight contest.

Egisto Peire, the Italian welter, now on the comeback trail, won over Jean Bedin in Rome while bantam Amleto Falcinelli took the nod against Frenchman Legavre.

Andre and Emile Famechon are still cooling their heels in France awaiting the okay for them to invade Australia. To keep a little busy they still appear on shows, as at Bordeaux, when Andre, the lightweight, won a ten-round affair against Leandre Mateos. Earlier in the month the brothers appeared on a Parisian bill when Andre stopped Andre Benatar before the limit but Emile dropped a just verdict to Camille Dormont.

Oiva Purho, the long Finn, took just under one round to put the skids under Knud Christoffersen, the Danish heavyweight, in their bout at Copenhagen. Frenchman Paul Renucci scored an upset by stopping Hirsch Demsitz in six rounds in a lightweight affair. Asger Warburg won over French lightie, Roger Guerard, in a six-rounder.

The third member of the Famechon clan, Ray, successfully defended his European feather title against Belgium's Jean Machterlinck in their bout at Charleroi. It was a gruelling match but the champion was never in danger and finished up well ahead. French feather Jean Archambaud, retired in the second round of his contest with Alex Sinnaeve of Belgium.

The French light-heavy title, which apparently changes hands each time it is defended, did the trick again at Algiers, when the Guadeloupean, Lucien Corenthin, lost on points to Albert Yvel. Omar Kouidri, still suffering from rheumatism, could only win on points over the rugged Italian welter, Carlo Mola.

Tiberio Mitri outpointed Serge Barthelemy of France at Lugo.

At the Mutualite in Paris fans saw the redoubtable bantam, Louis Skena, massacre another opponent when he stopped Italy's Giani Capobianchi in nine rounds. This victory, following wins over Matta, Danny Carabella, Nardecchia and Cardinale, establishes Skena as one of the best bantams in the game today. In a lightweight fray, Paul Dogniaux proved too skilful for the rugged and willing Ben Miloud from North Africa.

In his hometown of La Louviere in Belgium, young Albert Heyen won a clear victory over the Franco-Pole, Jean Dobiasch. Heyen won the Antwerp middleweight tourney earlier this year and is making steady progress.

News from Germany indicates that Hein ten Hoff has finally undertaken the trip to America, under the guidance of Lew Burston. Personally, I think the German will make the grade if he is not rushed, and will add interest to the division.

FROM PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI
By LOUIS J. ULYSSE

HERE are the following results of bouts made in Port au Prince, Haiti: In a return bout of eight rounds, Kid Mirabeau Michel, Haitian, weighing 146, lost on points to Joe Archibald, Cuban, weighing 145, in a very hard fight.

El Zurdo del Hyguamo, Dominican, weighing 177, (southpaw), after receiving a cut on the right eye by a hard left jab from his opponent, Omelio Agramonte, heavyweight champion of Mexico, Cuba and Haiti, was forced to abandon the fight by his manager. Hyguamo was floored in the fifth round. In the sixth both fighters were exchanging hard blows. In the seventh Hyguamo received the cut. In the eighth Hyguamo's manager refused to let him continue the fight, so Omelio Agramonte was declared the winner by a T.K.O.

AROUND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
By TOMMY McNAMARA

BIG-TIME boxing and big-time crowds returned to Seattle on December 3, for the Bernard Docusen-Buford Ransom bout. Fans from all sections of the state gathered to see Buford Ransom, the Northwest welter champ, in action. Referee Jimmy Wilson halted the bout in the tenth as Docusen forced Ransom to the ropes and was landing hard punches at will. Ransom's defeat has not dimmed his popularity with the Seattle fight fans. The young Negro welterweight fought a cool and game battle, and proved that very soon he will be ready for any of the fighters in the top welterweight brackets.

In the supporting 10-round semi-windup, Joe Kahut, solid-punching Portland heavy, was awarded a T.K.O. over Lloyd DeLucchi, when a broken hand forced the Sacramento heavyweight to retire after the third round.

The supporting bouts were good and created the proper mood for the main event. Bernie Olson, Everett middleweight, scored a six-round decision over Frankie Gimbel, seasoned Spokane middleweight. Norm Finch, Vancouver middle, K.O.'ed Wayne Parker, of Tacoma, in three. In the opener, Buddy Gilman, Seattle featherweight, decisioned Bobby Mills.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

AT the Minneapolis Armory—The Minneapolis annual novice tournament sponsored by the North Side Men's Club came to a thrilling climax here at this battle pit when flaxen-haired Bob Hagen, 172, a recent importation from Malmo, Sweden, was given a much disputed decision over rugged Charley Schneider, Elliot Park schoolboy.

In the semi-windup Gerald Flavin, 112, from the Pillsbury House, gritty Irish kid, defeated sharpshooting Roy Armstrong, a Negro boy, representing Elliot Park.

Yogi Randell, 118, a Mexican youngster, displayed plenty of straight punching power to annex the bantamweight title by putting the chill on two opponents, both of them in the first heat.

Roy Ice, a roly-poly heavyweight from the Pillsbury House, won the title in that class by gaining a T.K.O. in the second round over Ronnie Raveling, when Raveling's trick knee gave out on him.

Gary Johnson, 160, a black thatched Swede, knocked out fast stepping Larry Lempke of Logan Park in the third round to cop the title in that division, while Don Streeter, 147, defeated Vern Sweeney of the Phillis Wheatley House.

Richard Beck, 126, Logan Park, defeated Boyd Amsler from the Police and Fire Gym in three.

In the lightweight class, Jack Halverson, Logan Park, outpointed Charley Benson, Elliot Park, to annex the crown in that division. A paying crowd of over 2500 fans turned out for the show.

Johnny Tillman, the old Minneapolis lightweight and welterweight star of 25-40 years ago, recently started his 28th year as boxing instructor at the Minneapolis Athletic Club. "Old John" fought them all years ago, Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler, Leach Cross, Charley White, Jack Britton, Bryan Downey, Jock Malone, Lou Bougash, Eugene Brossard and many other big name fighters of that period. Johnny at the age of 58 is still the picture of health and happiness. He is also a state deputy boxing commissioner and can be found at the fights carrying out all of his duties with dispatch and efficiency.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium—Tony Stecher, Minneapolis' sporting impresario, took a leaf from the book of Billy Colbert by presenting both of the St. Paul Flanagan brothers on his boxing card here and he followed the script to a "T" by losing a bundle of money. In the wind-up bout he trotted Glen Flanagan, the older but lighter of the two brothers into his battle pit for the first time in 12 months against square faced, iron jawed Proctor Heinbold of Oklahoma City, from whom Glen won a clean-cut 10-round decision. Heinhold, the boy who recently held Stecher's pride and joy, Jackie Graves, to a 10-round draw in Chicago, showed an utter lack of respect for the punching ability of the St. Paul Irishman by walking into his opponent and throwing overhand rights to the jaw and left hooks to the body. Most of these Glen either blocked or slipped and upon the rare occasions that they did land they only aroused the temper of the hair-triggered young turkey, and for his brashness Proctor would receive a flurry of punches to the body and head.

In the semi-windup Del Flanagan, the heavier of the duo, met a clown in the person of Pedro (the Stare) Juaraz of Barberton, O. Juaraz couldn't fight a lick but gave the fans a hearty belly laugh with his "Fancy Dan" tactics and in the second round he was dropped like a rock and took the full count.

In one of the roughest brawls seen by this writer in years (remindful of the alley brawls that used to take place out West 7th Street before the advent of police squad cars) Curt Kennedy, 180, of Wichita, Kan., after being belted to the floor seven times in the first two rounds, hitting the canvas so hard that it tore all the skin off his knees, showed terrific courage in gaining the duke over southpaw John Hardy, Negro belter from Milwaukee, in a sixer.

Making his pro debut after winning three Golden Gloves titles, Eddie Lacy, a Minneapolis Negro boy, was given the duke after four rounds over Art Irlando of Denver, Colo. The paying Joes seemed to think that the Denverite was entitled to at least a draw and so did Yours Truly.

In the four-round opener, Cy Lewis, a St. Paul lightweight, was given the nod over Marlin Pettis of Minneapolis in a very rough brawl that found both of the boys on the deck at different times throughout the affair. The show grossed $3250, thereby throwing Promoter Stecher for a loss of a little over a grand.

This writer having moved across the river to Swedetown (Minneapolis), new address is 650 Fillmore Street, Minneapolis, Minn., so send your news and letters to this address.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By FLOYD HAYES

OMAHA has been without a professional boxing show during the past month but Promoter Max Clayton is getting things ready to roll again. The professional game is being hurt badly due to the fact that the glove tossers have no topnotch gyms to work out in. The amateurs are hard at work rounding into condition for the annual *World-Herald* Golden Gloves tourney here and those operating gyms in the various clubs around town, don't seem to want to make room for the professional fighters. . . . Omaha has gained another punch-for-pay fighter when Larry Davis, Bassett, Neb., light-heavyweight, returned from the east coast to make Omaha his headquarters. Davis made a trip to Wichita, Kan., for a bout with Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kan. It was the semi-windup to the Kenny Barton-Lafayette Drummond main event. However, the aggressive cowpoke dropped the six-round nod to Augustus. . . . Manuel Segobia, 160, Omaha, Neb., lost a four-round decision to Alvin Williams, 159, Oklahoma City, Okla. In a supporting bout to the Joe Louis-Ray Augustus exhibition at Oklahoma City, Okla., Dick Smith, 162, Oklahoma City, decisioned Larry Davis, 170, Bassett, Neb., in eight rounds. One of the best looking amateurs around these parts at the present time is Fred Porter. Vince Foster is a great prospect also. Chicago papers have dubbed Vince the "Toy Bulldog II" . . . Millio Militti, former Omaha welterweight and pride of the Ravioli district of yesteryear, has now taken a few amateur boxers under his wing. Militti is living in Frisco and has been paralyzed from the waist down for several years and gives the boys their instructions from a wheel chair. His pride and joy is an amateur heavyweight by the name of Mel Modiste.

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UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING
By CARL E. HAYDEN

IN 1:27 of the first round of their scheduled 10-round bout, Ernie Hunick, of West Jordan, Utah, flattened Hidalgo Diego, Mexico, for the count in the main event of a card held in the Coliseum at Salt Lake City, Utah. That was about the only punch Hunick landed. The rest of the time he was trying to get close enough.

Jay Lambert, in his professional debut after an amateur career that took him to the Olympics, upset Bob McDowell, of Birmingham, Alabama, in 50 seconds of the fourth round. A former AAU champ, Floyd Richardson, also of West Jordan, and also making his professional start, stopped Tony Maroni, of Ogden, Utah, after 1:02 minutes of the third.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THE early part of November last, this writer made a two weeks visit into California, visiting gymnasiums, sports scribes, etc.

Sat in on the late Jesse Flores vs. Art Aragon lightweight bout in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium. Was ringside guest of the Ray Flores.

Had an interesting chat with Doctor Larney Larchenstien, well known San Francisco fistic expert now the official timekeeper for the Benny Ford fistic promotions.

Visits with Dolph Thomas, veteran fight trainer and gym operator; Hy Levy, editor of "Referee," fight magazine; Harry Fine, boxing manager and operator of Oakland's gymnasium. Don Shields, chief inspector for Northern California, and a number of others connected with California boxing, made things very interesting for this correspondent.

Upon arrival in Los Angeles, had the good fortune in browsing around with Harry. E. Winkler and his charming wife. Was guest of Mr. Winkler at the Hollywood Legion fights. Harry is California representative for RING Magazine.

Occupied ringside seat at the recent Tommy Campbell vs. Tommy Stenhouse bout in Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium.

Journeying homeward, stopped at Sacramento. Was surprised to discover Sacramento has no professional boxing gymnasium. Fred Pearl, Victory A. C. matchmaker, and Jackie King, headman at the Auditorium Boxing Club, have been getting together some good fistic events in this vicinity.

Wiley Spivey, Tacoma's new boxing promoter, at this writing has produced two pretty fair fight shows.

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CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

MONTREAL'S final fistic card of the year saw some 6000 fans paying in over $12,000 to see a pair of non-locals, Laurent Dauthuille, of France, and Pete Zaduk, of Guelph, Ontario, battling it out in the ten-round main bout of Raoul Godbout's Forum offering. Dauthuille, who zips his punches out like lightning, had too much speed for the rugged Canadian youngster and scored a clean-cut decision. Zaduk was floored in the fourth but. Dauthuille couldn't finish the job and it developed into a good battle.

Gabby Ferland, local welter, turned in a brilliant display to outscore Joe Pyle, Nova Scotia, in the other ten-rounder. A hard-fought six-rounder ended in a close decision for Herman Cosgrove over Fernand Cervan. Armand Savoie, former Olympic boxer, scored his fourth straight by stopping Lloyd Kenny, Ottawa, in 1:21 of the first. Mario Massaro, former amateur welter star, also scored his fourth straight as a pro by stopping Rocky Brisebois in the third. The opener ended quickly with Ian McNeil scoring a surprise by putting the blast on Jackie Keenan, Olympic middle, in one heat.

Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf, young welter sensation, added a couple of more wins to his rapidly growing list in a pair of headliners at the Coliseum. After a layoff of several weeks he handed out a sound lacing to George Gervin, his rugged local rival, in eight rounds then a fortnight later he had an easy time punching out Leo Mucucci of Portland, Maine, in two rounds.

The Leboeuf-Cervan bout was co-featured with two other eight-rounders. Marcel LaChappelle, local featherweight flash, had too much ring generalship for tough Eddie Bolduc, of Sherbrooke, and won by a big margin. In the other, Eddie Ross, blond light-heavy of promise, had to come from behind to nail Al Evans, rugged local middle, in the seventh of a scheduled eighter.

Mario Massaro and Armand Savoie scored brilliant victories in the prelims. Massaro found Frankie Hamilton too shifty for a couple of rounds, then nailed him often in the third to halt him. Savoie scored a spectacular knockout over Jerry Cannon in the first round with a dynamic barrage. Mannie Spivak stopped Roger Goyette, his local bantam rival, in the third of the four-round opener.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BERT HORNBY, Bolton, 136¾, scored a K.O. win over Don Cameron, Glasgow, 136¾, in the 2nd round at the Stadium, Liverpool. Danny McKay, Edinburgh, 151, defeated Fran Duffy, Bootle, 149¾, in the 6th round when the latter retired with a bad cut eye. Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, knocked out Jimmy Green, Warrington, in the 5th round of a featherweight contest. Roy Thomas, Liverpool, won in the 5th round of a bantamweight contest against Tommy Charlesworth, St. Annes, when the contest was stopped. Johnny Walsh, Bolton, won on a foul in the 2nd round against Billy Flynn, of Liverpool, in a lightweight contest.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, won on points against Hughie Smith, Sunderland, over 8 rounds of a lightweight contest at Lime Grove Baths.

Harry Lazar, Aldgate, 148½, was too fast for the hard hitting Neil McCearn, Scotland, 147, and won on points after an interesting bout, at East India Hall, Poplar. Charles Henry, Croydon, 187½, knocked out George Barrett, Sidcup, 172, in the 2nd round. Billy Jones, Bow, 134½, knocked out Eddie Oliver, Plumstead, 134, in the 3rd round. Tommy Trinder, Mile End, 133, outpointed Teddy Prior, Croydon, 126¼, over 4 rounds.

Many visitors to the big boxing shows in Paris will remember Jim Pratt, the timekeeper for all the big fights. Jim used to be timekeeper at The Wonderland, London, before he took up training race horses in France. The news from Paris was to the effect that Big Jim Pratt passed away in his 80th year at Neuilly, near Paris.

Reg Spring, Southall, won the final eliminating contest for the Southern Area Cruiserweight title when he outpointed Jock Taylor, Sidcup, over 10 rounds at Manor Place Baths, London. Ernie Woodman, of Battersea, stopped Ben Bowden, Cricklewood, in the seventh round of a cruiserweight contest, when the latter retired.

Albert Bessell, Bristol, and Selwyn Evans, Wales, battled through 8 rounds to a draw at Cheltenham, after a very good featherweight contest. The heavyweight bout between George Dawson, Wales, and Tommy Smythe, Ireland, was full of sensations for in the first two rounds Dawson was put down for four counts, but recovered to turn the tables on his hard hitting opponent, and scored a K.O. in the fourth round. Harry Droy, of Islington, fought a 4-round draw with Ronnie Smith, of Oxford.

Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, 139½, knocked out Fanie Bushney, South Africa, 138, in the 5th round. At Kentish Town, Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, 117½, and Johnny Kent, Covent Garden, 117½, fought 8 rounds to a draw. Ron Pudney, Croydon, 159½, won clearly over Bob Cleaver, Borough, 153½, in their 8-round bout.

Dick Levers, Chesterfield, won on points over Roy Davies, Northampton, after 8 rounds of a lightweight contest at Northampton. Tommy Lennon, Corby, and Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, boxed 8 rounds to a draw.

Norman Tennant, Dundee, defeated the Belgian flyweight Jean Sneyers in the third round at Dundee, when the latter retired with a dislocated thumb.

Alex Buxton, the Negro middleweight from Watford, won over Bert Sanders, Kilburn, in the 4th round at West Ham, when the referee stopped the contest and awarded the decision to Buxton when Sanders was alleged to have struck a low blow.

In the supporting bout over six rounds, Ron Bebbington, West Ham, Army middleweight champion, made a successful debut in the professional ranks with a second round K.O. over Tommy Shilton, Andover. Ken Diston, Hendon, outpointed Charlie Waters, Downham Market, in a 6-round bantamweight contest. Over six rounds Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, outpointed Billy Jones, of Bow, in a lightweight contest.

Reg Andrews, Deal, 186, gave weight and a sound beating to Bill Brennan, Doncaster, 212, at Paddington Baths, and the referee wisely stopped the contest in favor of Andrews in the fourth round. Dave Cummings, Paddington, knocked out Billy Humphries, Paddington, in the 4th round.

Cliff Butler put on a show at The Corn Hall, Diss, on behalf of the dependents of Harry "Darkie" Reeve, who was recently killed in a motor accident. Joe Beckett, Hempnall, outpointed Ivor Thomas, Wales, in an 8-round welterweight contest. Ray Edwards, Diss, outpointed Hector Macrow, East Harling, in a 6-round featherweight bout. The show was a huge success.

Bob Frost, the West Ham ex-amateur, 144½, punched too hard for Marine Jimmy Brunt of Welling, 142, and after the latter had taken considerable punishment. Referee Jack Hart stopped the contest in the fifth round and declared Frost the winner. On the same card at Poplar, Jimmy Webster, West Ham, 119¾, outpointed Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, 118¼, over 8 rounds.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, 148¼, scored his fourth win of his successful come-back when he knocked out Tommy Armour, of Belfast, 148¼, in the 4th round at The Stadium, Liverpool.

Eddie McCullough, Belfast, 119, won on points over Ritchie "Kid" Tanner, British Guiana, 120¾, after a good bout over 10 rounds. Jackie Briers, contender for the Irish Flyweight title, outpointed Joe Murphy, Glasgow, over 8 rounds. Jimmy Ingle, Dublin, won on a foul in the 5th round against the Negro Jamaican middleweight Bill Jackson. Joe Crawford, Bootle, and Johnny Glave, Warrington, fought 6 rounds to a draw of a welterweight bout.

Charlie Collett, Hemel Hempstead, was too big and strong for Len Bennett, Bethnal Green, in their 8-round heavyweight contest at Bermondsey Baths, and won on points. Teddy Lewis, the young Dagenham featherweight, continued his winning record with a points win over Cyril Evans, Welwyn Garden, after 6 rounds. Dick Langley, Peckham, knocked out Roy Watson, Mile End, in the 4th round of a middleweight contest.

Former A.B.A. Bantamweight Champion Tommy Proffitt, of Manchester, 118, suffered a severe set-back when he was forced to retire in the 3rd round of his contest against Chris Kelly, Liverpool, 121½, after taking a count of 9 at Blackburn.

Sam Wilde, Gold Coast, 162, took 3 rounds to defeat Joe Sands, Hull, 162, by a knockout at Middlesborough. "Zulu Kid" Larty, 128, knocked out Teddy Gaynor, Stockton, 127, in the fifth round.

Norman Lewis, Nantyglo, 111, outpunched Billy Davies, Nantymoel, 111, in their contest at Neath, and after Davies had taken several counts in the seventh round, the referee stopped the contest in favor of Lewis.

Dennis Collins, Grimsby, 140, won a narrow points decision over Frankie Jackson, Hull, 138, after 8 rounds at Grimsby. Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, 116, outpointed Alf Hughes, West Hartlepool, 115, in an 8-round contest.

Jim Kenny, the popular Polmont featherweight, 125, was given a hard bout over 8 rounds by the Belgian, Alex Sinnaeve, 123½, at Falkirk, and won narrowly on points. Johnny Flanagan, Glasgow, knocked out Tom McGoldrick, Perth, in the second round. Peter Keenan, Glasgow, was too good for Dennis Reed, Darlington, in their flyweight bout, and the referee stopped the one-sided contest in the 2nd round. Jim Findlay, Wishaw, scored a K.O. over Mick Tollan, County Mayo, in the 3rd round. Jim Dwyer, Glasgow, won a close points decision over his local rival, Jim Campbell, in a six-round contest. Bill Ratray, Dundee, outpointed George Fros, Mexborough, after eight rounds.

Morty Kelleher, Ireland, defeated Joe Carter, Mitcham, in the seventh round at Bognor Regis, when the referee disqualified the latter for persistent holding.

Eddie Dumazel, Cardiff, 126, outpointed Stan Gossip, Hull, 128, over eight rounds at Preston.

Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 149½, gained a narrow points win over Tommy Jones, Derby, 148¾, at the end of ten rounds at Leeds.

Jimmy Moran, Leeds, 197, only 19 years of age, won his first professional contest by outpointing Simon Templar, Nigeria, 211, over four rounds. Billy Exley, Newcastle, 147, won on points over Charlie Roberts, Bradford, 147, at the end of eight rounds. Billy Carroll, Doncaster, 158, was clearly outpointed by the veteran Scottish middleweight, Billy Stevens, of Glasgow, over eight rounds.

Tommy Burns, Stockton, scored a good points win over Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, after eight rounds at Middlesborough.

Willie M'Bhatta, the Negro South African welterweight champion, 142½, was outpointed by Ric Sanders, Leicester, 147, in one of the most thrilling contests one could wish to see, at West Ham Baths. Micky Forrester, West Ham, 127½, won on points over Al Chapman, Slough, 133, after six rounds. Tommy Lennon, Corby, 128½, all but knocked out Danny Nagle, Ireland, 128½, only to hear the referee's decision being awarded to Nagle. The crowd greeted the decision with loud catcalls.

Les Allen, Coventry, knocked out Billy Hall, Bournemouth, in the third round at Walsall. Teddy Larkham, Isleworth, and Moe Walker of Leicester fought eight rounds to a draw. Harry Legge, Bournemouth, knocked out Phil Conray, Oldbury, in the fifth round.

Ken Rowlands, Luten, defeated Berry Reid, Jamaica, in the second round, when the la retired. Billy Cook, Ireland, stopped Harry W ren, Morden, in the fourth round at Watfor

Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, outpointed Jo ny Boyd, Peterborough, in an eight-round m dleweight contest at Leyton. Ron Dennings Peckham, outpointed Tommy Davies, Dagenha over six rounds of a lightweight contest. Pe Indace, Brixton, knocked out Tommy Williams Stepney in the fourth round. George Brown Peterborough, outpointed Alf Price, Waltha stow, over six rounds.

Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, gained points win over Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhan ton after eight rounds of a bantamweight cont at Middlesborough.

Jackie Turpin, Leamington Spa, defeated Ha Croker, Leeds, in the fourth round at Ches field.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, won on points o George Harrison of Shirebrook at the end eight rounds at Paddington.

Johnny Best staged a real fighting card the Stadium, Liverpool, with Billy McDona Liverpool, 135, outpointing Hugh Smith, Sund land, 137¾, over ten rounds.

Alf Taylor, Warrington, 144, defeated Fr Naro, Dunbarton, 148, on points over ei rounds. Roy Sharples, Burnle, outpointed D Shell, Mold, over eight rounds of a lightwei contest. Peter Fay, Bournemouth, won on qualification in the sixth round, when Ver Solas, Birkenhead, was ruled out. John Ha Birkenhead, stopped Jimmy Fox, Bolton, in fifth of a lightweight contest.

Terry Allen, South Eastern Area flywei champion, was too speedy and punched too for Charlie Wilson, Manchester, who was pound heavier at 113½. In the second round W son was sent down for two counts and was i bad way when the gong sounded the end of round. Allen continued to be the master of situation and dropped the Manchester lad fo count in the last of an eight-round bout, latter gamely lasted the full distance.

Billy Humphries, Paddington, 146¾, outpoin Arthur Fricker, Islington, 149, over 6 rou Harry Harris, Camden Town, 140¾, stop Billy Jones, Bow, 135¾, in the 4th round, w the latter received a badly cut eye. Tony D nell, Islington, 122½, outpointed Johnny Hugh Wales, 116¼, over 4 rounds. Billy Clarke, B 156¼, outpointed Frank Napoli, Islington, 15 over 4 rounds. Jackie Leonard, Finsbury Pa 129¾, outpointed Teddy Prior, Croydon, 12 over 4 rounds.

Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 149, won on points o Dick Shields, Liverpool, 149, after 8 rounds Hanley. Billy Crane, South Elmsall, 137¾, o pointed Tommy Daly, Hamilton, 140½, in an round bout. Mias Johnson, Jackdale, 139, o pointed Billy Crapper, Warsop, 143, after rounds. Owen Johnson, Jackdale, 127, knoc out Billy Hill, Chesterfield, 131, in the th round.

Arthur Gould, Woolwich, 125½, gained a poi win after 8 rounds over Joe Carter, Mitch 127½, at Croydon. Pat Haggerty, Dagenha 147, stopped Steve Lovegrove, Battersea, 145, the 5th round. Ron Kitchen, Tunbridge We 135, outpointed Cyril Evans, Welwyn Gar City, 135, over 6 rounds.

Gene Fowler, the Negro Canadian, 178, reven a previous decision, when he outpointed J Smith, Worcester, 187, over 8 rounds at He ford. Roy Ball, Pontypool, outpointed Den Sale, Northwich, after 8 rounds.

Harry Lazar, Aldgate, 150, boxed cleverly outpoint Gordon Ashun, Liverpool, 148, over rounds at Poplar. Bill Dixon, West Ham, 13 scored a good win when he outpointed Ritc McCulloch, Belfast, 138¼, over 6 rounds. Berry, Bethnal Green, 135½, well beat John O'Neil, Dagenham, 139¼, over 6 rounds. Be is a youngster who will bear watching, for will soon be hitting the headlines. He is 19 ye of age and son of the old Bethnal Green feath weight, Harry Berry, who used to please F mierland boxing fans some 20 years ago. M McTigue, Ireland, 148¼, stopped Tony Byn Birkenhead, 151¼, in the third round.

Norman Twigger, Peterborough, 151, defea Jack Johnson, British Guiana, 157, in the fi round when the latter was ruled out for alleged low blow at Rochester. Bob Goldsmi Kentish Town, 162, knocked out Reg Willia British West Africa, 160, in the second rou Art Owen, Peterborough, 162, outpointed Tom Dixon, London, 162, over 8 rounds.

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George Daly, Blackfriars, 137½, outpoint Morry Jones, Liverpool, 136, in the feature b

over 8 rounds at Walworth. Harry Carpenter, Peckham, 114½, former amateur champion, outpointed Billy Finch, Greenwich, 112, over 6 rounds in his first professional contest. Stan Davis, Walworth, 149, outpointed Rees Moore, Luton, 150½, over 8 rounds.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, 166, was too clever for Jackie Jones, Bolton, 162, and won on points after 8 rounds at Middlesborough.

Lloyd Barnett, Jamaica, won on points over Pat Stribling, Croydon, at the end of 8 rounds at Oxford.

There were ugly scenes at Harringay Arena when Referee C. B. Thomas of Wales raised the hand of Henry Hall, Sheffield, 145, 2 oz., as the winner and new welterweight champion of Great Britain. His opponent, Ernie Roderick, Liverpool, 145½, who had held the title for many years, stood in the ring forlorn, for he thought that he was ahead when the final gong had sounded at the end of the 15 rounds.

When the decision was announced there was a storm of booing that one can only describe as "Bedlam Let Loose". My score card showed that Roderick won 7 rounds, Hall 4 rounds, and 4 even. I would like to mention that according to British Boxing Board of Control rules, marks of 5 are credited to the winner of the round and the loser a proportion, such as for example: 5—4¾; 5—4½; 5—4¼; or if a man is well and truly beaten, 5—4. Then it is the referee's prerogative if the bout should be stopped, for then a man must obviously be well outclassed. I claim that in the contest between Roderick and Hall, the former had won rounds 2, 14 and 15 by margins of 5—4½, and in NO round won by Hall was there a margin of less than 4¾—5.

The stewards of the B.B.B. of Control discussed the contest at their meeting two days later and the referee's card as always was perused. Their decision is that Henry Hall is recognized as welterweight champion of Great Britain. They also decided that Eddie Thomas of Wales should meet Stan Hawthorne and the winner meet Ernie Roderick for the right to meet Hall for the British welterweight title. Of this I would say WHY Hawthorne? Billy Exley of Newcastle has truly knocked out Hawthorne **twice** recently, and he is cold shouldered. If it had stated that Thomas and Roderick should meet and the winner meet Hall, then everyone would have agreed with their decision.

Maurice Sandeyron, France, again put his title on the line against Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, over 15 rounds for the European flyweight title. (They recently fought a draw for same). This time, although O'Sullivan put up a splendid battle, he had to doff his cap to a more experienced man and a stylist who went on from the 11th round to the 15th to score a clean cut decision.

Johnny Molloy, St. Helens, 127, 2 oz., fought well against Elis Ask, Finland, 127½, and beat him at his home game of infighting, and was the better at the open style of boxing, and at the end of 10 rounds of a brilliant bout, the St. Helens lad well deserved the decision on points.

Eddie Miller, Australia, 127, was too good for Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, 127¼, and it was no surprise when the latter retired at the end of the fifth round. Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, 136¼, outpointed a game opponent in Freddie Smith, Sheffield, 136¾, who did well to last out the full 8 rounds.

Johnny Barton, Lancaster, known as "The Lumberjack," threw a spanner in wheels when he stopped Paddy Slavin, Ireland, in the second round. The referee wisely stopped the bout after Slavin had paid several visits to the canvas.

Bert Hornby, Bolton, won on points from Jimmy Jury, of Bournemouth, in an 8-round bout at Preston.

Gwyn Williams, Wales, 146¾, scored as neat a K.O. as one could wish to see when he toppled over Jim Wellard, Northampton, 147¼, in the sixth round at Paddington. Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, 144¾, outpointed Laurie Buxton, Watford, 142½, by a wide margin after 8 rounds. Des Garrod, Paddington, 135, outpointed Ben Duffy, Jarrow, 127¾, over 8 rounds. Johnny Oldham, Morden, a protege of Ted Kid Lewis, turned in a smart performance when he knocked out Bobby Fordham, King's Cross, 145, in the second round. Johnny Hudson, Covent Garden, 129½, outpointed Leyson Thomas, Croydon, 131½, over 6 rounds.

Dave Lloyd, Wales, 124, outpointed Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 122½, over 8 rounds at Morcambe.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, 147¼, showed his old punching power when he knocked out Carlo Mola, Milan, 147, in the seventh round at the Stadium, Liverpool. Joe Hyman, British Guiana, 152, was too good for Frank Duffy, Bootle, 150½, and the referee wisely stopped the bout in Hyman's favor in the 4th round. Jacky Briers, Belfast, 114¾, knocked out Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, 116, in the 4th round. Black Bond, Jamaica, 126½, and Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 125, fought 8 rounds to a draw. Roy Thomas, Liverpool, won on points over Peter Harvey, Pontefract, in a 6-round bantamweight contest.

Eddie Cardew, Holloway, 147¼, turned in a good win at the Caledonian Baths, King's Cross, when he scored a clean-cut K.O. over the more experienced Welsh welterweight, Jack Phillips, of Tredegar, 147¼. A left hook in the second round put the Welshman down for the full count. Jackie Lucraft, Islington, 127¼, gave value for the points win over his local rival, Jock Bonas (late of Rotherham), 127¼, in their 8-round bout. Ted Berry, Bethnal Green, 136¼, well outpointed Billy Lee, Islington, 141¼, in a 6-round bout.

Len Bennett, Bethnal Green, defeated George James, Wales, in the 5th round at Bermondsey, when the latter retired. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, outpointed Alf Clarke, Bow, over 8 rounds.

Jackie Hughes, Wales, 127, outpointed Ben Duffy, Jarrow, 128¼, in the feature bout over 8 rounds at West Ham. Ron Bissell, Rotherham, 117, was counted out after a head-on collision in the 6th round against Peter Fay, Bournemouth, 120.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, 161, and Joe Rood, Aldgate, 160, fought 8 rounds to a draw at Leyton. Johnny Morkus, Bethnal Green, 187½, knocked out Peter Bell, Wisbech, 187, in the 2nd round.

Jimmy Molloy, Liverpool, 150, won on points over Gordon Ashun, Liverpool, 146¾, in the feature 10 round bout at the Stadium, Liverpool.

George Sutton, Wales, 112¾, was forced to retire in the 2nd round against Joe Murphy, Glasgow, 111¼, after having sustained a badly cut eye. Jacky Ryder, Bootle, defeated Ted Ansell, Birkenhead, in the third round. Jimmy Green, Warrington, knocked out Jimmy Campbell, Glasgow, in the second round. Freddie Leyland, St. Helens, outpointed Vin Breakell, Preston, in a 6-round bout.

A head-on collision was the cause of the feature bout at Preston between Charlie Roberts, Bradford, 148, and Neil McCearn, Glasgow, 145, terminating in 1 min. 50 seconds of the first round. Roberts was the loser for he could not continue, and the cut received four stitches, whilst McCearn was declared the winner. Billy Taylor, Preston, 158, stopped Cpl. Jim Tipper, the Army, 157, in the seventh round with a cut eye. George Casson, North Shields, stopped Billy Watt, Liverpool, in the 4th round. Jackie Fairclough, Preston, 116, knocked out Dennis Stansil, 115, West Hartlepool, in the 4th round. Eric Billington, Golborne, 134, won on points over Len Ashworth, Burnley, 136, in a 4-round bout.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, knocked out Jackie McCall, Jarrow, in the third round at the Caledonian Baths, Kings Cross. Al Wilburn, Hickleton Main, defeated Stan Hibbert, Battersea, in the sixth round, when the latter was disqualified.

Peter Kane, Golborne, was clearly outpointed by Stan Rowan, Liverpool, in the final eliminating contest over 12 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester. Rowan will now meet Jackie Paterson for the latter's bantamweight title. Kane fought gamely to the end, but the old fire of the former world's champion has gone, and he will be well advised to give up fighting, for he was too good a fighter to go to the well too often.

Bob Cleaver, the Borough, defeated George Dilks, South Elmsall, in the 9th round, when the latter was ruled out. Willie M'Bhatta, South Africa, outpointed Billy Exley, Newcastle, in a hard-hitting 10-round contest. Alex Buxton, Watford, outpointed Lucien Krawczyk, France, over 10 rounds of a middleweight contest.

NON-EUROPEAN RING NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By LEONARD NEILL

DURBAN CITY HALL—Mr. J. B. Panday's 31st promotion produced plenty of action, although the main bout ended on an unhappy note. Kid Sathamoney, 127¼, Southern Rhodesian feather and light champ, and an outstanding fighter, met Kid Coco, 132¾, in a 10-rounder (non-title). The fight was dull most of the way. Coco did most of the leading, but was jolted heavily in the eighth. In the ninth the champion dropped Coco, and then surprisingly hit him when he was down. The referee had no option but to give the fight to Coco on a disqualification.

In the other 10-rounder, Kid Richard, 141½, proved an elusive opponent for Wally Thompson, 145¾, for a few rounds, but later on, Thompson's heavy punching began to tell, and after taking a count of nine in the ninth, Richards was knocked out. Thompson is a fine prospect.

In the two preliminaries, Speedy Bandes, 132¾, received a close four-round decision over Francis Gengan, 135, and Kelly Franks, 136, proved too experienced for Rock o' Leopard, 130¼, in a six, winning on points.

Cape Town City Hall—In the 10-round headliner, "One-Round Homicide Hank" had a tough time against Sammy Phillips of the Cape in a lightweight bout, but managed to get the decision on points. A thrilling contest was curtailed when Paul Monoyane had to retire in the fourth round with a cut eye against Percy Wilkinson in another lightweight contest. Two heavies, Rough House Gill, 185, and Jan Lategan, 203, served up everything but science. In the fifth Lategan retired. In a flyweight six-rounder, Bobby Dayal drew with Sailor Titus. Williams beat A. Veldsman on points over four rounds.

Durban City Hall—Owing to an attack of jaundice, Kid Sathamoney was unable to defend his feather title against Michael Twala. The top-line fight featured Young Hussein, 148, against Jolting Joe, 159, the middleweight champion. Hussein did well up to the end of round five, but from there on, the heavier man's punching wore down his lighter opponent. In the tenth, Joe had Hussein in queer street, but couldn't beat the gong, and, although he had dropped his man twice, he managed to secure only a points victory. This was the first time Jolting Joe has been forced to go the distance, but he retained his unbeaten record.

The highlight of the night was the magnificent pro debut of Albert Tissoung, 125, who fought Michael Twala, 120, the bantam champ of South Africa. It was a coincidence that on the same night that a new featherweight champion in the person of Sandy Saddler was christened in New York, a new featherweight star was born in Durban. Tissoung battered the "mighty" Twala for the full six rounds, and knocked him out in the last. This boy is the prospect of the year, and will go a long way.

One-Round Homicide Hank, 134, K.O.'ed Kid Coco in the fifth after being behind on points. Goolan Mohammed, 123, won a scrambling four-rounder from Kid Alpheus, 125, on points. Alpheus seemed to be the winner at the end of this boring fight. The tournament was promoted by Seaman Chetty.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA FIGHT RESULTS: Ben Buker, Spanish welterweight champion, and Gene Burton, of the U.S.A., drew in ten rounds full of action at the Sports Palace. Both fighters put up a thrilling contest and in the eighth round it looked like either one would be counted out. Hard lefts and rights flew in all directions, and the huge crowd yelling for a knockout made the scrap a sensational one.

Lino Garcia and Diego Sosa met in the semi-final ten-round contest, and these eternal rivals put up a hectic battle as usual. The decision went to Diego Sosa, but he knew he was in a fight. In the prelims, Francisco Tosar, 108¾, outpointed Raul Fernandez, 108¾, in four rounds. Victor Suarez, 146, and Francisco Cifuentes, 150, drew in a slow six-rounder.

Luis Galvani, Cuba's bantamweight champion, and contender for world's bantamweight title, drew in a sterling ten-rounder with Leo Lebrun. Lebrun is a real good scrapper and made a hit with Havana fight fans. It was an evenly fought contest, and if carefully analyzed, Galvani had a very slight edge, but a draw verdict was well met by the crowd and everybody left the Sports Palace happy.

Tito Torio, Argentinian lightweight, and Pablo Pozo, of Cuba, met in the semi-final ten-round contest, and put up a good fight full of action. Pozo won without a doubt, and was well applauded for his work. Miguel Cairo, 116½, took a six-round shellacking from Mario Rivero, 117½, in the special number.

FROM BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

By ALFREDO PORZIO

PABLO ANELLO, 147, drew with Julio Giardine, 145, in 12 rounds of mauling.

In the eight-round semi-final P. Soriano, 135, outpointed Orlando Aballay, 137.

Juan C. Gonzales, 131, won over D. Flores, 133, in six, and Felix Guzman, 138, drew with Rosario Boyan, 140, in six.

Mario Solinas, 139, Chile, won over A. Rizzo of Argentina in 12 rounds.

Vito Zacarias, 150, defeated R. Farios, 144, in 8 rounds.

Rafael Merentimo, 157, knocked out Jose Montalvo, 156, in 6 rounds and Luis Pinedo, 140, drew with Rosario Bazan, 141, in 6.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

IN a bout billed for the featherweight title of the territory, Henry Davis disposed of Lefty Quiocho with a series of vicious right-hand smashes to the jaw in the fourth round at the Civic Auditorium.

From the start the fight was all Davis.

In the fourth Davis connected solidly to the head with several rights. Quiocho, already badly beaten, suffering cuts under both eyes, crumpled and was counted out.

How the bout rated championship billing is hard to understand. The fact that Chico Rosa, weakened by making weight, lost the title in August to Dado Marino, certainly doesn't eliminate him as top contender. A title match without Chico seems strange indeed. Dado Marino was unable to claim the title inasmuch as he is the flyweight champion of the Territory and the local boxing commission frowns on any fighter holding more than one title at a time.

Both Davis and Quiocho weighed 125½ pounds. The bout drew 1,182, who paid $2,132.50.

Other results: Walter Chung, 120, and Tacho Pena, 122½, of Mexico City, four-round draw. Mike Ines, 131¾, decisioned Shigeo Tengan, 129, in four rounds. William Candido, 126½, beat Reuben Salazar, 129, of Mexico City, four rounds. In the opener Billy Bolilan, 120¼, won over Bobby Sanders, 119½.

In what may be termed "a pretty dull affair," Robert Takeshita, 139½, won a hard ten round decision over Bobby Burgess, 140, of California, at the Civic Auditorium on November 16. While the fight was uninteresting throughout, the victory was nevertheless a hard earned one for Takeshita who had to keep punching at Burgess' head, shoulders and elbows at the risk of breaking his hands.

As the rounds dragged on Burgess slowed up considerably but he remained in the shell of his crouch and Takeshita, although managing to pile up his lead by his constant punching, was unable to land even one effective blow.

The gross gate was $4,440.25.

Other results: Richard Cabral, 136, TKO'ed Ken Maeshiro, 136½, in the second round of four. Gus Rosa, 125½, won via TKO over James Nagao, 125¾, in the third of four. Jerry Mendoza, 155, knocked out Eddie Mara, 156, in the second round of four. Mike Ines, 131½, won easily over Tideo Tengan, 127, in the four round opener.

Honolulu's Frankie Fernandez is definitely ready for Bernard Docusen, Kid Gavilan or even champion Ray Robinson. That is the opinion reached by the 14,163 excited fans who watched "Fierce" Frankie, ranked number 5th among the welterweight contenders, score a sensational tenth round kayo over second ranking welterweight contender Tommy Bell of Youngstown, Ohio, at the Honolulu Stadium.

The end came in 2:52 of the tenth and final round after Tommy Bell had gone down for the third time in the round and the fifth time during the fight. He was counted out while on his hands and knees and sprawled over on his back as soon as the count was completed. He never regained complete consciousness until he was in the dressing room.

True sport that he is, Tommy Bell congratulated Fernandez on his victory and said that Frankie is the hardest puncher, not even excluding Ray Robinson, he has ever met and offered no alibi for his defeat. Manager Al Weill also praised the Puerto Rican fighter and said that Frankie is a greater fighter than he had imagined and that he should go over big in New York.

The fight started off slowly with both fighters showing great respect for each other and trying to feel each other out. The first two rounds were pretty even but Fernandez, who had a shade a better of the argument even at this stage by being the aggressor, suddenly got going in the third and dumped Bell for an eight count with a hard right to the chin.

Fernandez continued to pile up his lead in the next two rounds, scoring another knockdown in the fifth when Bell was half punched and half pushed out from the ring through the ropes.

Bell came back strong in the sixth and seventh when he stopped Fernandez dead in his tracks time and again with his stinging lefts. Bell's best round was the seventh when he landed a string of lefts which had Fernandez backing up most of the time. Fernandez afterwards admitted that the blows he took in this round were some of the hardest punches he has taken in any fight. But try as he would Bell was unable to land solidly with his right and this proved his undoing.

The eighth round was pretty even but Bell again started landing his lefts in the ninth and it looked for a while as if Fernandez would wilt under the constant barrage. However, in the midst of a torrid exchange of blows, suddenly Fernandez uncorked a right which stopped Bell abruptly. This punch proved the turning point of the fight.

Behind on points, Bell, still weak from the hard blow he took in the ninth, went out to try for a knockout in the tenth. He missed repeatedly with his right but kept on boring in and in his eagerness left himself wide open for Fernandez's vaunted right cross.

The end came suddenly. With less than a minute remaining in the fight, Frankie caught fire with a one-two punch which floored the Negro fighter. Bell managed to regain his feet at the count of eight but he was still in a dazed condition. After pausing for a couple seconds, Frankie again floored Bell. Bell struggled up once more but went down from another barrage of blows, this time to be counted out.

Both fighters weighed 146½. The take at the gate amounted to $46,282.05. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Other results: In a ten round semi-final bout, Jimmy Bothelo, 133¾, became the new territorial lightweight champion by winning from Richard Cabral, 134¾. Johnny Boskie, 163, decisioned Roy Brooks, 155¾, of the Philippines, in a fiver. Mokey Hanagami, 116¼, beat Joe Jumao-as, 117, in 5 rounds. Tacho Pena, 119¾, won over Steve Bibilone, 119½, in the four round opener.

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RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND
By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

DURING his campaign in Great Britain, Bos Murphy, former Empire middleweight champion, had the services of Johnny McKenna as sparring partner. McKenna obtained several fights in England, but failed to produce anything like class. On his return to New Zealand, the Petone boy claimed a fight with New Zealand champion, Roy Stevens, on the strength of his alleged English "successes". The result was a dismal showing, with Stevens making a punching bag out of McKenna. Referee Armishaw halted the fiasco in the seventh. McKenna proved as game as they come, but courage alone is insufficient in first-class pugilism.

Capable Australian welter, Laurie Peterson, now a full-fledged middleweight of 155 pounds, climaxed a successful and unbeaten New Zealand sojourn by taking into camp two of the country's best middleweights in champion Roy Stevens, whom he outpointed at Christchurch, and trial-horse Danny O'Keefe, who was defeated at Westport. Peterson, a tall, rangy southpaw, proved to be one of the most thoroughly competent fighters to appear in N. Z. in a decade.

Red-headed Auckland Irishman, Percy Kelly, made a welcome return to ring activity when he widely outpointed Syd Stevens, young Palmerston North puncher, over ten rounds in the latter's home town in September.

As Stevens was the leading contender for the vacant lightweight title, the pair were rematched at Gisborne with the crown at stake. Once again, Kelly, a former champion, took home the bacon.

Most active campaigner now in New Zealand rings is 23-year-old Wellington middleweight Harry Hanson, brother of Tommy, former leading welterweight contender. Harry is on the short side for a middleweight, but his bustling style and heavy hitting compensate him for his lack of inches. Following KO wins over Scotty L Leod and Billy Little (in one round), he troun one of the Dominion's better class middles, N Dornan, in three rounds at Palmerston No Dornan ran into a right swing as early as t first round, and never recovered.

Four days later, Hanson went up to Hasti and met the local amateur idol, Rex ("Pa McIvor, who was making his bow in the s ranks. It was all over in the first round, h ever, when Hanson's solid belting split the n comer's eye severely, and yet another early t tory went into Hanson's record book.

For a purse of £300 (1,200 dollars), a c paratively good purse for the times down h Jackie Marr, light-heavyweight champion of V toria, Australia, defeated Roy Stevens, N. middleweight champion, on points at Wellingt Stevens continually forced the fight, and was far the harder hitter. The pair had met on t previous occasions, with a win each. Stevens s since stated that he will not fight in Welling again as a protest against the decision.

Fresh from his win over Stevens, Jackie M met N. Z. Light-Heavyweight Champion Do Rollinson at Otahuhu. It was a thrilling, bruis encounter, in which Marr revealed harder pun ing than in any of his previous contests in t Dominion. Rollinson, however, was in his b form, and stormed into the Australian with h short ribs to head and body, and collected decisive decision.

Noel Fitzwater, youthful Hawkes Bay welt weight, added an important scalp to his collect when he defeated Brian McDonald of Austra on points at Hastings.

A new star looms on the fistic horizon Dunedin in the person of Ian Dickison, possi the best amateur developed in Dunedin since fore the war. At the Otago amateur champi ships this year, Dickison won the welter, mi and light-heavyweight titles, a sterling perfo ance. Not content with this, he added the Sou land welter and middleweight championships his successes. Turning professional late in year, he led off with a four-round TKO o Max Gardener, Oamaru hope, in a fast, puni ing battle at Oamaru. A week later, he bow over another newcomer, Gordon Moller, in rounds at Dunedin. With a few more fights un his belt, Dickison will be yet another title p sibility.

Three of the country's foremost amate stepped into the Auckland ring in November make their professional debuts. First to sh his wares was Doug. Godward, popular ex-Au land welter champion. Godward met the to sailor, Joe Griffiths, and gave the navalman chance to settle down with a speedy and sci tific display. In the third round, Griffiths had enough.

Next up was Neil Stanley, N. Z. champi amateur among the welters in 1947. Stanley the easiest passage of the three, however, Doug. Hendry of Waihi, his opponent, fol up in the second session with the first solid b he received.

Before closing for the year, I would like extend my besh wishes to all American and ov seas readers, and wish all a happy, peaceful a prosperous 1949. I can still be reached at Taft St., Brooklyn, Wellington, New Zealand, 1 Lincoln St., same town.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS
By JIMMY LAMBERT

ONCE again a new set of promoters took ov boxing in Aruba, and though it was th first venture into the boxing game, Mess Romer and Maxwell must be given credit f putting on a well organized boxing card at t Swingsters Square Garden.

In the ten-round main event, Jota Jota Fe nandez, 164, of Venezuela, met Easy Boy Fra cis, 166, of Trinidad, their third meeting. In t first bout Francis scored a K.O. while their se ond bout ended in a draw. Throughout the t rounds, Francis hit Fernandez almost at will, b lacked the experience to follow through when t had his opponent staggering. Although the re eree called the fight a draw to the amazeme of the crowd, the two judges both voted unan mously in favor of Francis and the decision w given to Francis.

In the ten-round semi-final, a return mat between Baby Williams, 151, of Venezuela, a Bull Gilkes, 158, of Trinidad, the best bout the evening, Gilkes stopped his man in the se enth when Williams' seconds interceded to e proceedings. The bout was a slugfest.

In a six-rounder, Beau Jack, 155, of Trinida and Battling Siki, 152, of St. Martin, fought draw.

In another scheduled six-rounder, Young Ca penter, 155, of Aruba, continued his K.O. strin by flattening Young Herbert, 151, of St. Eu tatius, in the third round.

In the opening four-rounder, Kid Carter, li of Trinidad, floored Colorado Kid, 134, Curacao, for a nine-count in the first, but cou not keep up the pace with the result that Col rado Kid came back strong in the closin rounds to stop Kid Carter in the fourth round.

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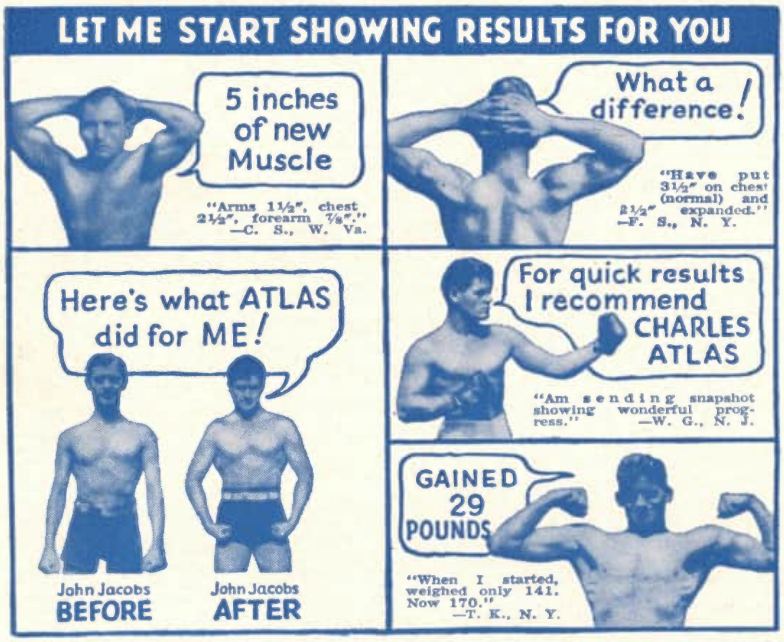

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